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Harvey D Keepler
State Environmental/Location Administrator
Office of Environment & Location
Georgia Department of Transportation
3993 Aviation Circle
Atlanta, Georgia 30336-1593

Dear Mr. Keepler:

This letter is regarding the GDOT project for the widening of US 27 in Floyd County and the effects of this highway widening at the Norfolk Southern railroad trestle. The Civil War earthwork Fort Attaway is located several hundred feet south of the present railroad track location. The current plans for the widening of US 27 would move the railroad track 30 feet to the south, cutting into the hillside on which the fort sits, and further endangering the integrity of this militarily significant and rare historic structure.

The Georgia Civil War Commission would like to see Fort Attaway remain in its present condition. If construction were to occur that would have any adverse effects on the fort, the Georgia Civil War Commission would like to be consulted beforehand. Please consider us as an interested party who would like to be kept abreast of the situation at Fort Attaway.

Thank you for your consideration, we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Barry L. Brown
Project Coordinator, Georgia Civil War Commission

cc: Richard Clouse, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Serena Bellew, Environmental Review Coordinator