

Bald Eagle Archaeological Society
Chapter 24 of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology

March 14, 2007

David Breon, Chairman
Benner Township Board of Supervisors
1224 Buffalo Run Road
Bellefonte, PA 16823

Dear Mr. Breon,

I am writing regarding the portion of the Rockview property that is to be transferred from prison ownership to Benner Township. As you know, there are several known archaeological sites on this property that are listed in the Pennsylvania Archaeological Site Survey (PASS), the state files kept by the Bureau for Historic Preservation at the State Museum in Harrisburg. In addition, this property may contain additional prehistoric and historic sites that have not been recorded in the PASS files.

We would strongly suggest that the presence of archaeological sites be considered in future planning for this property. In case a survey that would identify and evaluate all sites is not possible, the potential for prehistoric sites should be addressed in a management plan so that sensitive areas could be protected from either intentional or unintended damage once the area becomes public. Sensitive areas would be those with a high probability of containing material relating to prehistoric people who used the area. Prehistoric material could be located either in small rockshelters or in open air camp or habitation sites.

We hope that cultural resources will be part of future planning for the Rockview property. If you have questions you may contact me at 814-238-5239.

Sincerely,

Mary Alice Graetzer
President