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RE: Historic Bridge M3187 Job Number 100869 Lawerence Co. Line- Bono Strs. & Apprs. (Hwy. 230) Craighead County Historic Bridge Marketing Request

The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) is planning to replace Bridge Number M3187 (East Cache River Bridge - Bono) on Highway 230 in Craighead County. This bridge was determined eligible to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in the response letter from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program dated October 16, 2017 regarding ARDOT Job Number 100869. A location map and further information about the bridge is enclosed.

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, 23 USC § 144 (g)(5) states: "Any State which proposes to demolish a historic bridge for a replacement project ... shall first make the bridge available for donation to a State, locality, or responsible private entity..." As part of the mitigation process, the ARDOT is offering to donate Bridge Number M3187 to any government or entity that demonstrates a willingness to accept title for, relocate it for use at another site, preserve the historic features of, and assume the financial responsibility for the continued maintenance on the structure.

Normally the ARDOT, through the Federal Highway Administration, can reimburse costs associated with preservation up to the demolition estimate expense. However, the reimbursement funds allocated to this bridge will be exhausted during the dismantling and relocation process.

If you are interested in acquiring this bridge, please respond with a letter of interest within 45 days from the date of this letter. For further information, contact Nikki Senn at (501) 569-2979.

Sincerely,

John Fleming Division Head Environmental Division