

**MEMORANDUM**

*TO:* Saluda Hydro Project Relicensing Stakeholders

*FROM:* Shane Boring

*DATE:* May 9, 2006

*RE:* April 2006 Wood Stork Aerial Survey Observations

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Dear Relicensing Stakeholder:

The April 2006 Lake Murray wood stork survey was conducted on April 28<sup>th</sup> by Tom Murphy of SCDNR in coordination with his bald eagle work. Tom noted that the aerial survey included the Middle Saluda River, from Lake Greenwood to the headwaters of Lake Murray, as well as the reservoir itself. Although there was significant suitable habitat for storks available in the Middle Saluda (i.e., falling river levels with many drying pools), no wood storks were observed. Approximately 40 great blue heron nests were observed at the Tossity Creek and Silverstreet colony sites. Thank you for your continued interest in the Lake Murray Wood Stork Study, and as always, please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

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