

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Saluda Hydro Project Relicensing Stakeholders

FROM: C. Shane Boring, Environmental Scientist

DATE: February 24, 2005

RE: February 2005 Wood Stork Aerial Survey Observations

Dear Relicensing Stakeholder:

Tom Murphy with SC Department of Natural Resources flew the inaugural Lake Murray (Saluda Hydro Project) wood stork survey on February 18, 2005 in coordination with his bald eagle/AVM work. No wood storks were observed. Approximately 1/3 of the nests observed during last year's reconnaissance survey and suspected of possibly being wood stork nests were occupied by nesting great blue herons. Tom also noted that storks have not yet arrived in coastal areas of SC, but will likely appear during the March survey.

Thanks for your continued interest in the Lake Murray Wood Stork Study.

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