



## **Relicensing Briefing Card**

### **ISSUE: HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

**Brief: The Bartletts Ferry project area was used for thousands of years before European settlers arrived at the Chattahoochee River. Cultural resources found there include both prehistoric and historic objects and activities that may help us understand our past.**

#### **Archaeological Resources:**

- A shoreline survey was conducted during the reservoir drawdown that occurred when the new powerhouse was constructed in 1984. Other archaeological surveys have been conducted on and adjacent to project lands during the development of recreational facilities.
- Extensive cultural resource studies were conducted at nearby West Point Lake and during the relicensing of the adjacent Middle Chattahoochee Project. These studies have helped develop an overall cultural context for the project area.
- Relicensing efforts will focus on surveying portions of project lands regarded as having “high archaeological potential” and on relocating and recording resources identified in 1984.

#### **Historic Hydro and Engineering Resources:**

- The Bartletts Ferry project was preceded by the North Highlands Dam (c. 1898) and Goat Rock Dam (c. 1914).
- The Bartletts Ferry project was constructed in the mid-1920s (completed in 1926). The dam and powerhouse are expected to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Documentation of the dam and powerhouse will likely consist of a detailed historic narrative, as well as large format photography and plan drawings according to the standards and guidelines of the Historic American Engineering Record.

**Bottom Line Take Away: The project area is rich in historic and archaeological data. Substantial background information is available for the region, and the Bartletts Ferry relicensing team will work to ensure that historic and cultural resources at the Project are fully assessed.**

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