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Dear Mr. Mackey:

This letter is regarding a proposed cell tower in the town of Woodstock, Ulster County. At the request of concerned citizens I made a site visit to the proposed cell tower area. The citizens are concerned that the proposed cell tower project may disturb possible Native burial mounds or sacred site.

On the visit I observed many rock mounds along the south side of Overlook Mountain, as well as a few rock shelters. I can not verify or deny that these are burials or a sacred site. Since my knowledge of rock piles and the Woodstock area is very limited I would like to get a few more opinions to make sure we are not going to disturb a grave or sacred site. I would also like to have the chance to speak with elders of our tribe to see if they have knowledge of rock piles, or burials in this area. I have also contacted the Delaware Nation who also has an interest in this area.

I am aware of the report done by Joseph E. Diamond, Ph.D for Clough, Harbour and Associates LLP dated August 5, 2005, and have had a chance to review his comments. I have asked our local archeologist to review this report and give me his opinion.

I would also like to contact a geologist who may be able to provide a second opinion on the rock mounds.

Our main concern should be that no burials or sacred sites will be disturbed during any project. We do realize that the company would like to get started as soon as possible, and we will make every attempt to finish our process in a timely manner.

Sincerely

Sherry White, THPO
Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians