

October 10, 2003

Colonel Robert B. Keyser
Department of the Army, Mobile District
Corps of Engineers
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RE: Plum Bluff Road Project, George County, Mississippi

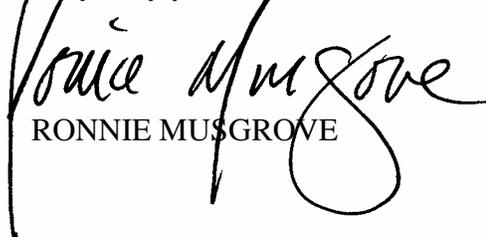
Dear Colonel Keyser:

George County, Mississippi, has an on-going project with the U.S. Corp of Engineers, Mobile District, to save Plum Bluff Road from the encroaching Pascagoula River. During the last 39 years, the Pascagoula Rivers has slowly moved to within a few feet of this county road in two locations. According to the local officials, the roadbed is mostly composed of sand and is deteriorating daily. Given our natural weather patterns with high rainfall due in the coming months, the situation is even more critical.

This road serves as the only access for 175 households in George County, and with continued deterioration of the Plum Bluff Road these homes could become isolated. Should this occur, residents will be unable to travel to work and school.

As Governor, I am requesting that Corps of Engineers grant the Plum Bluff Road Project emergency status under P.L. 84-99 by taking advance measures to prevent the isolation of more than 175 households in George County. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Boyd, Policy and Planning Director, (601) 359-2971.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Mr. J.E. Pope, President George County Board of Supervisors
Mr. Steve Hale, Executive Director, Mississippi Development Authority
Commissioner Wayne Brown, Mississippi Department of Transportation
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