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To: [Parrish, Christopher M CIV USARMY CESPA \(USA\)](#)
Subject: RE: Albuquerque District Contact Form: French - York Canyon, New Mexico - Railroad Track Abandonment
Date: Monday, August 16, 2021 3:04:34 PM
Attachments: [image004.jpg](#)
[image002.jpg](#)

There will be no discharge of fill material within any waters of the U.S.

I will let you know if I have any questions, but at this time I will consider the STB's Railroad Abandonment requirement of consulting with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to have been met based on what we have talked about here. I appreciate all of your help with this.

Thank you,

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From: Parrish, Christopher M CIV USARMY CESPA (USA) <Christopher.M.Parrish@usace.army.mil>
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 2:46 PM
To: Michael Rerucha <michaelr@omahatrack.com>
Subject: RE: Albuquerque District Contact Form: French - York Canyon, New Mexico - Railroad Track Abandonment

Thank you for this information Michael.

As previously stated, if there will be no discharge of fill material within any waters of the U.S. you will not need a Department of the Army permit from the Regulatory Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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From: Michael Rerucha <michaelr@omahatrack.com>
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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Albuquerque District Contact Form: French - York Canyon, New Mexico - Railroad Track Abandonment

Hello Mr. Parrish,

Attached are the maps that show the abandoned railroad track we have been contracted to remove. I apologize for the quality. This process was started in 2005, so some of the original documents can be tough to read.

Omaha Track will not be removing any bridges or culverts. We will not be altering or removing any point sources such as any man-made ditch, pipe, channel, tunnel, conduit, discrete fissure, container, etc. nor will we be discharging any pollutants through a point source into any water source. We will spend approximately 90 days dismantling the track where it sits on the Right of Way and then remove those track materials from the property. We will be removing the railroad ties, the rail, and all of the OTM (plates, bars, spikes, anchors, etc.) from the property, but will be leaving the ballast and the rest of the Right of Way intact.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can provide any additional information. We will get whatever permits are necessary to complete the work.

Thank you,

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Subject: FW: Albuquerque District Contact Form: French - York Canyon, New Mexico - Railroad Track Abandonment

Mr. Rerucha:

The message below was just forwarded to me from our Office of Public Affairs.

The Regulatory Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regulates the discharge of fill material within waters of the U.S. under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. If there will be no work within any waterways/waterbodies (which includes wetlands) as a result of this project, then a Department of the Army permit will not be required.

Please send me the maps and scope of work so we can make that determination.

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Message:

My name is Michael Rerucha and I am the Director of Business Operations for Omaha Track. Omaha Track was recently awarded an old BNSF abandonment and has been contracted to remove the railroad materials from the Vermejo property. We are complying with the Surface Transportation Board's Railroad Abandonment Requirements which asks us to consult with the U.S. Army Corps prior to starting the track removal. I have two versions of maps that show the section of track we will be removing that I can send you via email if a contact is provided. This section of track starts at Milepost 0.00 near French, New Mexico and goes to Milepost 36.90 near York Canyon, New Mexico, which includes the following postal zip codes: 87747, 87728, and 87740 in Colfax County, New Mexico.

Omaha Track will not be removing any bridges or culverts, but will be removing all track materials and will leave the rest of the Right of Way intact. I am happy to provide any additional information you need. Thank you.

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