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Hi Deborah,

We received the attached comment from you regarding the above referenced abandonment, and that you would be contacting the Alabama DOT for additional help in locating geodetic markers. Please be advised that the applicant, Alabama & Florida Railroad, received prior approval to abandon the Line in 2012 but neglected to finalize the transaction due to ongoing trail use negotiations with a trail sponsor that subsequently failed to reach agreement. The Board's prior abandonment authority, although now expired, resulted in the railroad salvaging all the track, ties and other non-structural rail appurtenances, possibly including the upper ballast. The railroad retained bridges and other structural components, as it does not own these assets, and has no further plans for any other land disturbance activities associated with this abandonment proceeding. So I'm not sure if you would still need to continue with the additional assessment, given the prior salvage.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Thanks much!
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