



Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office

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RE: STB, FD 36500 (Sub-No. 1), Illinois Central Railroad Company - Acquisition of a Line of Railroad Between Kansas City, MO., and Springfield and East St. Louis, Ill. - Kansas City Southern Railway Company, Multiple Counties, Illinois and Missouri

STB
Alan Tabachnick
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Sent via email

Dear Mr. Tabachnick,

The Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office has received notification and accompanying information for the proposed project listed as STB, FD 36500 (Sub-No. 1), Illinois Central Railroad Company - Acquisition of a Line of Railroad Between Kansas City, MO., and Springfield and East St. Louis, Ill. - Kansas City Southern Railway Company, Multiple Counties, Illinois and Missouri. **The Osage Nation requests that a cultural resources survey be conducted for this project.**

In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, (NHPA) [54 U.S.C. § 300101 et seq.] 1966, undertakings subject to the review process are referred to in 54 U.S.C. § 302706 (a), which clarifies that historic properties may have religious and cultural significance to Indian tribes. Additionally, Section 106 of NHPA requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties (36 CFR Part 800) as does the National Environmental Policy Act (43 U.S.C. 4321 and 4331-35 and 40 CFR 1501.7(a) of 1969).

The Osage Nation has a vital interest in protecting its historic and ancestral cultural resources. **The Osage Nation anticipates reviewing and commenting on the planned Phase I cultural resources survey report for the proposed STB, FD 36500 (Sub-No. 1), Illinois Central Railroad Company - Acquisition of a Line of Railroad Between Kansas City, MO., and Springfield and East St. Louis, Ill. - Kansas City Southern Railway Company, Multiple Counties, Illinois and Missouri.**

Should you have any questions or need any additional information please feel free to contact me at the number listed below. Thank you for consulting with the Osage Nation on this matter.

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