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Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Surface Transportation Board

Native American sites are very prominent in our area and more archeology work should be done to preserve the great history of the Native Americans who lived and traversed our area. The area between the St. Lawrence River and Central New York settlements was used as their hunting grounds, to fish and to live. We should protect this heritage.

Along the Mohawk and Adirondack line from Lowville to Carthage has been an area that Native American Indians have inhabited, hunted, fished and buried their dead. Native American Artifacts have been found around this railroad. Castorland was a settlement at one time. Which; the Mohawk and Adirondack line goes straight thru.

Lewis County Historical Society in Lowville, NY put together a Journal Volume II o 2-3 in 1969-1970. In this issue it is about filling the gap of pre-history preceding the first settlement of this area by Euro-Americans. This was a preliminary test of the different areas that locals fount Native American artifacts. As noted in the Journal more work needed to be done.

To mention a few noted sites are the Boshart-Marks Farms south of Lowville, New York State Tree Nursery Site in Dadville.

Hirschey Farm site on the Ridge Road located a half mile east of the Black River and four miles north of the State Tree nursery in the Township of Denmark. Burrington-Schantz farm located ½ mile south of Castorland-Namburg Bridge.

Next the Castorland Village was a Native American settlement; Wooschlager Farm site now owned by Brian Reape which there is a house ring. This ring has been considered aboriginal in origin.

Yoh site is on the east bank of the black River North of the Castorland-Naumburg bridge on the Michael J. Mosier farm fire cracked rock, fire pits were found.

Linstruth mound is on the farm of M. Streeter on the Carthage-Naumburg road where a mound exists that was 16 ft x 8 ft.

At Deer River on the east bank of the black River across from Deer River Station are many old hut rungs with stone gouges, arrowhead and spears. Another site at Gate's Mill yard is two miles above.

See the attached pages of what was found. Time periods fall between Paleo Indian – Clovis, Early Archaic, Middle Archaic, Late Archaic, Transitional, Early Woodland, Middle Woodland, Late Woodland, and Historic European contact. Also; there is an explanation of Plates per site and some photos.

So as you can see by the sites mentioned and the artifacts found that this was an area rich in resources for the Native Americans.

Sincerely,

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