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Subject: Re: Surface Transportation Board Request for Comment - Acquisition and Operation of MNBR by CSXT and CPKC
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Ms. Wood and Ms. Webster,

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma thanks STB, Office of Environmental Analysis for information concerning the above referenced project, which reached this office on 1/2/24. Lauderdale County, Mississippi, and Choctaw, Marengo, Wilcox, Dallas, and Lowndes counties, in Alabama, hold great significance within our area of historic interest.

Montgomery County, Alabama currently lies outside of our area of historic interest. For actions in Montgomery County, our office respectfully defers to the other Tribes that have been consulted. Maps of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma's current Areas of Interest in Alabama and Mississippi are attached for your reference.

The existing rail line, as shown on current topo maps, runs through all of the counties listed above, in and near important Choctaw cultural resources.

On one map, the line is alternately listed as Meridian and Bigbee, Louisville and Nashville (L&N), Seaboard, and Western Railway of Alabama. Our office is aware that many lines have changed names over the years.

The description of proposed actions does not indicate any new ground disturbance, other than increased tonnage, due to increased numbers of trains running on the existing line. The phrase "rail yard activity changes," does not list ground disturbance.

If additional ground disturbance is anticipated, the Choctaw Nation Historic Preservation Department asks to consult under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, prior to approval, permit release, or initiation of any ground disturbance. Intact, significant, unrecorded cultural resources have been located under railroad beds, buildings, parking lots and in other unexpected places.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully yours,

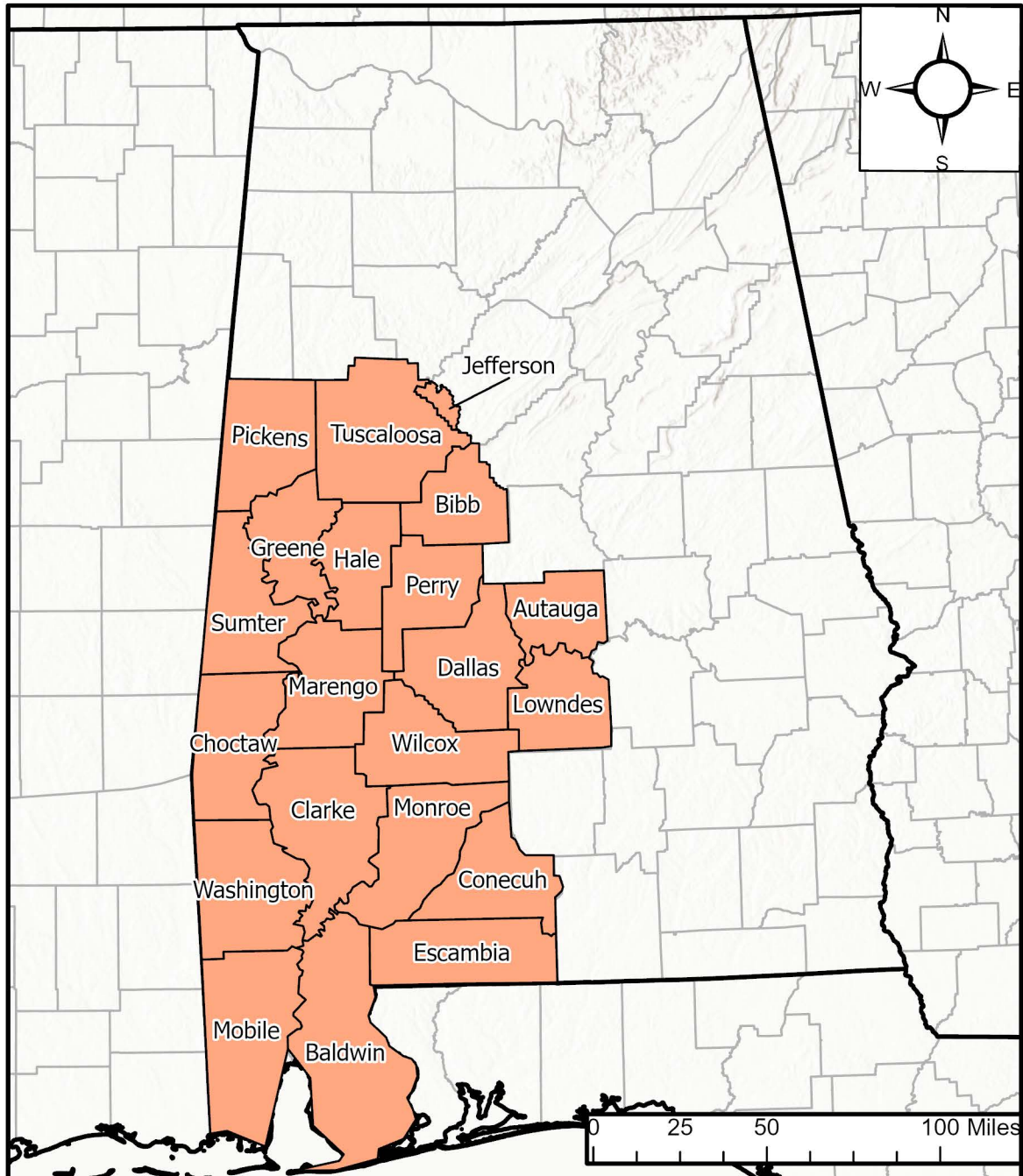
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Alabama
Area of Historic Interest
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma



List of Counties

Autauga	Jefferson
Baldwin	Lowndes
Bibb	Marengo
Choctaw	Mobile
Clarke	Monroe
Conecuh	Perry
Dallas	Pickens
Escambia	Sumter
Greene	Tuscaloosa
Hale	Washington

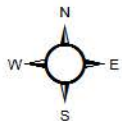
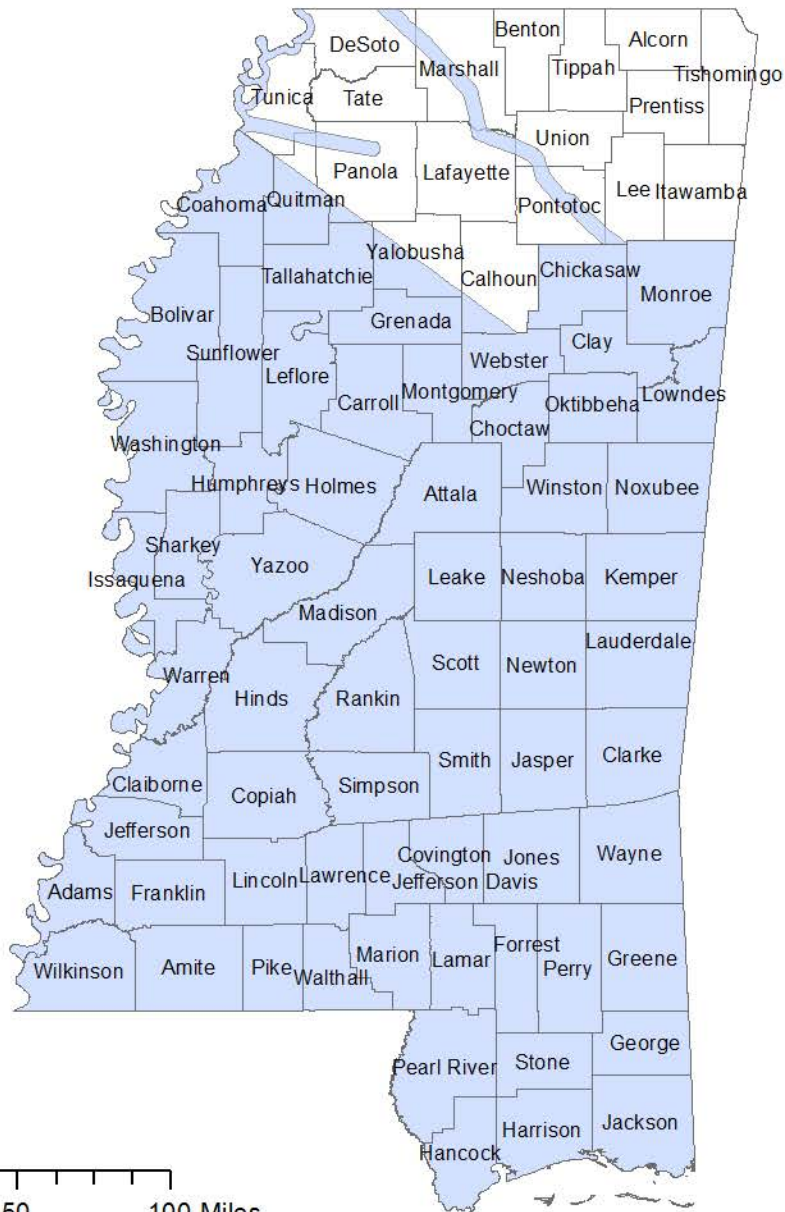
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Area of Historic Interest

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma



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List of Counties

ADAMS	DESOTO*	JEFFERSON	MARION	RANKIN	WEBSTER
AMITE	FORREST	JEFFERSON DAVIS	MARSHALL*	SCOTT	WILKINSON
ATTALA	FRANKLIN	JONES	MONROE	SHARKEY	WINSTON
BOLIVAR	GEORGE	KEMPER	MONTGOMERY	SIMPSON	YALOBUSHA*
CALHOUN*	GREENE	LAFAYETTE*	NESHOBA	SMITH	YAZOO
CARROLL	GRENADA	LAMAR	NEWTON	STONE	
CHICKASAW	HANCOCK	LAUDERDALE	NOXUBEE	SUNFLOWER	
CHOCTAW	HARRISON	LAWRENCE	OKTIBBEHA	TALLAHATCHIE	
CLAIBORNE	HINDS	LEAKE	PANOLA*	TUNICA*	
CLARKE	HOLMES	LEE*	PEARL RIVER	UNION*	
CLAY	HUMPHREYS	LEFLORE	PERRY	WALTHALL	
COAHOMA	ISSAQUENA	LINCOLN	PIKE	WARREN	
COPIAH	JACKSON	LOWNDES	PONTOTOC*	WASHINGTON	
COVINGTON	JASPER	MADISON	QUITMAN*	WAYNE	

* Partial Counties

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