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**North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
State Historic Preservation Office**

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Bradon J. Smith
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Re: Blue Ridge Southern Railroad, L.L.C., Abandon railroad tracks between Hendersonville and Brevard, SCH # 21-E-0000-0876, Henderson and Transylvania Counties, ER 21-0504

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your March 23, 2021, letter transmitting the environmental and historic report for the above-referenced project. We have reviewed the information provided and offer the following comments:

The report concludes that the proposed abandonment of the railroad line will have no adverse effect on historic or archaeological resources. Based on the information provided and our previous review for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, this office concurs with this determination and recommends that no further archaeological investigations are warranted in conjunction with the proposed project.

We have determined that the project as proposed will not have an effect on any historic structures.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment, contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919-814-6579 or environmental.review@ncdcr.gov. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Renee Gledhill-Earley".

for Ramona Bartos, Deputy
State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Crystal Best, State Clearinghouse

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