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Subject: UPRR PIRATE Section 110(k) Process-Final Noninvasive Damage Assessment and Meeting Minutes
Attachments: 2024 0501 PIRATE CP mtg minutes.pdf; UP_Pirate_NoninvasiveDA_Comment_Matrix.pdf; UP_Pirate_NoninvasiveDA_FINAL.pdf

Dear Chairman Yucupicio,

As the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) stated in previous Section 106 consultation conducted under the National Historic Preservation Act, on June 30, 2022, the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) filed a petition with the Board requesting authority to construct and operate approximately six miles of new rail line in Maricopa County, Arizona (the proposed Pecos Industrial Rail Access and Train Extension [PIRATE] rail line).

OEA recently invited you to attend a virtual Teams meeting on May 1, 2024 to discuss unauthorized excavation in UP's right-of-way that resulted in substantial damage to cultural resources sites. OEA wishes to thank those of you that attended the virtual meeting. The resultant discussion provided invaluable input on the proposed scope and methodology for the invasive damage assessment fieldwork. On behalf of OEA, Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. has compiled the attendance log, meeting minutes, and PowerPoint presentation for distribution to the consulting parties, attached. Responses to comments from the consulting parties on the Noninvasive Damage Assessment Report are provided in the attached comment resolution matrix and a final copy of the report is attached for your records.

Please feel free to contact Alan Tabachnick, STB's Federal Preservation Officer, at Alan.Tabachnick@stb.gov with any questions about the damage to the cultural resources sites or the next steps in the process.

Sincerely,
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