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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption –In Mingo County, West Virginia AB-290 (Sub-No. 417X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart F – Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR") is filing a verified notice of exemption to abandon rail service over an approximately 3.5-mile long rail line, extending from Milepost AL 0.0 +/- (at or near Sprigg, WV) to approximately Milepost AL 3.5 +/- (at or near Vimy, WV) in Mingo County, West Virginia. (the "Line"). A \$5,200.00 filing fee has been paid via Pay.gov. If there are any questions about this matter, please contact me directly, either by telephone: at 202-663-7831 or by e-mail: [at czorbaugh@mullinslawgroup.net](mailto:czorbaugh@mullinslawgroup.net). If I am unavailable you may contact William A. Mullins, who can be reached at (202) 663-7823 or by e-mail at wmullins@mullinslawgroup.net.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ *Crystal M. Zorbaugh*

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VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPT ABANDONMENT

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VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPT ABANDONMENT

INTRODUCTION

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”) hereby submits a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 1152, subpart F (Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances) for NSR to abandon rail service over an approximately 3.5-mile long rail line (the “Alma Branch”),¹ extending from Milepost AL 0.0 +/- 0.00 (at or near Sprigg, WV) to Milepost AL 3.5 +/- 0.24 (at or near Vimy, WV) in the vicinity of Matewan in Mingo County, West Virginia (the “Line”). The Line has been out of service for more than four years. Following abandonment, NSR will not be salvaging the Line’s rail and related track material. The contour of the existing roadbed will remain as is, and existing drainage systems will remain intact. No ballast will be removed, and no soil disturbance will occur. No digging or burying of any kind will be undertaken as a result of the abandonment. Accordingly, NSR believes that no stormwater mitigation measures including, but not limited to, a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit will be required.

¹ According to NSR’s research, this Line was originally obtained in a condemnation hearing in 1914 by Norfolk and Western Railway Company. Norfolk and Western Railway Company merged into Norfolk Southern Railway Company in 1998.

The Line traverses the United States Postal Zip Code territories of 25661 and 25678. The entirety of the Line is located in the vicinity of Matewan in Mingo County, West Virginia. No customers have been served on the Line for more than four years.

Per the requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.50(b) and (d), NSR provides the following information in support of this notice of abandonment:

Certification: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(b)

NSR certifies that the Line satisfies the criteria for abandonment under the exemption provisions at 49 C.F.R. part 1152, subpart F. See Certification of Michael McClellan, Vice President (Exhibit A). During the past two years, no local traffic has moved over the Line and any overhead traffic on the Line can be rerouted over other lines, and no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the 2-year period.

Proposed Consummation Date: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2)

The proposed abandonment will be consummated on or after December 20, 2024 (50 days after filing the notice of exemption).

Additional Information Required: 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.22(a)(1)-(4), (7)-(8) and (e)(4)

Exact name of applicant (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(1)):

Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Whether applicant is a common carrier by railroad (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(2)):

Norfolk Southern Railway Company is a common carrier by railroad subject to the Board's jurisdiction under 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV.

Relief sought (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(3)):

NSR hereby invokes the Board's two-year-out-of-service class exemption procedures to

abandon rail service over an approximately 3.5-mile long rail line, extending from Milepost AL 0.0 +/- (at or near Sprigg, WV) to Milepost AL 3.5 +/- (at or near Vimy, WV) in the vicinity of Matewan in Mingo County, West Virginia. All of the track is located in Mingo County, West Virginia. The Line traverses the United States Postal Zip Code territories 25661 and 25678.

Map (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(4)):

A detailed map showing the location of the Line is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Applicant's representatives (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(7)):

NSR's representatives to whom correspondence should be sent are as follows:

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USPS ZIP codes (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(8)):

The Line is located in the following United States Postal Zip Code territories: 25661 and 25678.

Suitability of the Line for Other Public Purposes (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(e)(4)):

NSR has fee simple ownership to the right-of-way underlying the Line proposed for abandonment; thus, NSR may have a corridor available for redeployment for alternative public use(s). The Line does not contain any federally granted right-of-way. As appropriate, NSR is willing promptly to make available any information in its possession to anyone so requesting it.

Labor Protection

Because the Line has been inactive for over two years, no railroad employees will be adversely affected by the exercise of abandonment authority. Nevertheless, the interests of NSR's employees who may be adversely affected by the proposed abandonment will be adequately protected by the labor

protective conditions set forth in Oregon Short Line R. Co – Abandonment – Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

Certifications

Attached hereto as Exhibit C are Certificates of Service and Publication certifying compliance with the advance notice and newspaper publication requirements set forth at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1) and 49 C.F.R. § 1105.12, respectively. Attached as part of Exhibit D is a certificate of compliance with the advance notice requirements for Environmental and Historic Reports (“E&HR”) as set forth at 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11.

Environmental and Historic Report

As is reflected in the certificate of compliance with the provisions of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 (see Exhibit D), NSR has prepared an E&HR in anticipation of the proposed abandonment, which conforms to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8. A copy of the E&HR is attached hereto as Attachment 1 to Exhibit D (§ 1105.11 certification).

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ *Crystal M. Zorbaugh*

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VERIFICATION

Verification

I, Michael McClellan, Vice President for Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR"), hereby verify under penalty of perjury that to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing abandonment notice of exemption is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to make such verification on behalf of NSR in connection with this proceeding before the Surface Transportation Board.

Executed this 28 day of October, 2024



Michael McClellan
Vice President
Norfolk Southern Railway Company

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EXHIBIT A

CERTIFICATION

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STATE OF GEORGIA:

SS:

CITY OF ATLANTA :

Michael McClellan makes oath and says that he is Vice President for Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR"); that the approximately 3.5-mile long rail line, extending from Milepost AL 0.00 +/- (at or near Sprigg, WV) to Milepost AL 3.5 +/- (at or near Vimy, WV) in the vicinity of Matewan in Mingo County, West Virginia (the "Line"), over which service is to be abandoned, is subject to his supervision and direction; that no local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two (2) years and any overhead traffic on the Line can be rerouted over other lines and that no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the 2-year period.

Michael McClellan
Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 28 day of October 2024.

Notary Public

My commission expires:

April 19, 2026

SHANNON EPPERS

NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF GEORGIA - FULTON COUNTY

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES APRIL 19, 2026

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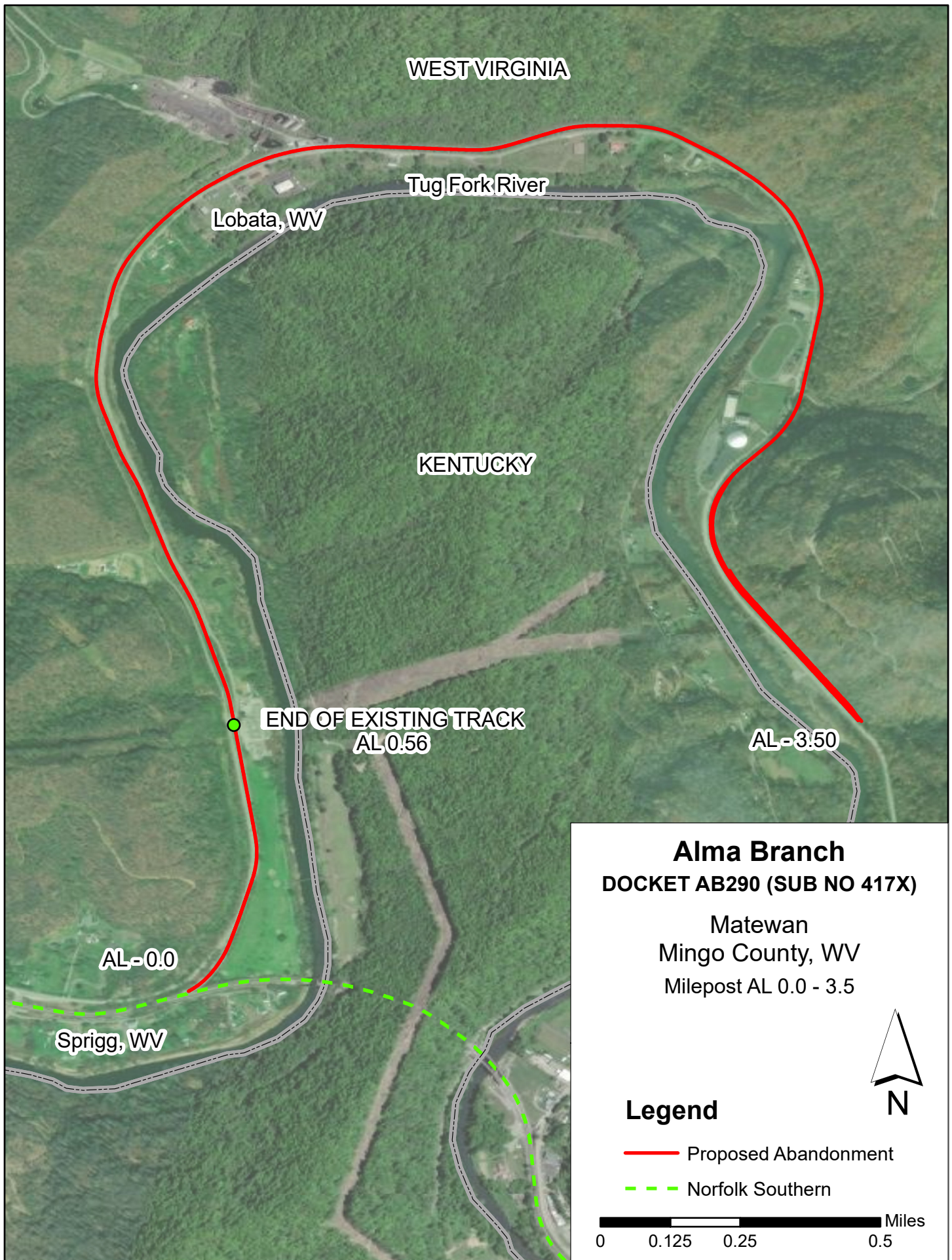
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EXHIBIT B

MAP



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EXHIBIT C

CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE/PUBLICATION

Certificate of Service of Advance Notice

49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1) – Notice

I certify that, on October 21, 2024, in keeping with 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1), I caused the following parties to be served with the written notice of intent of Norfolk Southern Railway Company to invoke the Board's notice of exemption procedures to abandon rail service over an approximately 3.5-mile long rail line, extending from Milepost AL 0.00 +/- 0.00 (at or near Sprigg, WV) to Milepost AL 3.5 +/- (at or near Vimy, WV) in the vicinity of Matewan in Mingo County, West Virginia (the "Line"). I further certify that the Line does not contain any federally granted right of way.

Public Service Commission, et al.

Public Service Commission of West Virginia
201 Brooks Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Cindy Butler, Executive Director
State Rail Authority
West Virginia Department of Transportation
120 Water Plant Drive
Moorefield, WV 26836

Department of Defense (Military Traffic Management Command, Transportation Engineering Agency, Railroads for National Defense Program)

Sean Neef
Headquarters Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command
Transportation Engineering Agency
Railroads for National Defense Program
1 Soldier Way, Rm 3129
Scott AFB, IL 62225-5006

The National Park Service, Recreation Resources Assistance Division

Mr. Bob Ratcliffe, Chief
Chief, Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Division
Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program
1849 C. Street NW, Room 1344
Washington, DC 20240

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Chief of the Forest Service

Randy Moore
Chief of Forest Service
US Forest Service
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C.
20250-0003

October 31, 2024

/s/ *Crystal M. Zorbaugh*

Crystal M. Zorbaugh
Attorney for Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Certificate of Newspaper Publication

49 C.F.R. § 1105.12 – Newspaper Notice

I certify that a “Notice of Intent to Abandon Rail Service” was published in the form prescribed by the Board for abandonment notices of exemption (49 C.F.R. § 1105.12). The notice was published one time on October 25, 2024, in The Mingo Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in Mingo County, West Virginia.

October 31, 2024

/s/ **Crystal M. Zorbaugh**

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go County, West Virginia. The Line traverses the United States Postal Zip Code territories 25661 and 25678. There are no customers served on the Line, which has been out of service for more than four years. The proceeding has been docketed as AB-290 (Sub-No. 417X). The proposed action entails the abandonment of rail service over the Line. For abandonments, the Boards Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) generally will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which normally will be available 25 days after the filing of the abandonment notice of exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public. Such comments will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writ-

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ing to OEA, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20423, or by calling that office at (202) 245-0295. Appropriate offers of financial assistance ("OFA") to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails public use, and OFA) must be filed directly with the Boards Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423 [See 49 C.F.R. §§ 1104.1 (a) and 1104.3 (a)], and one copy must be served on the applicants representative [See 49 CFR § 1104.12(a)]. Questions regarding OFAs, public use, or trails use may be directed to the Boards Office of Public Assistance, Govern-

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mental Affairs, and Compliance at 202-245-0230. Copies of any comments or requests for specific Board action should be served on the applicants representative: Crystal M. Zorbaugh, MULLINS LAW GROUP PLLC, 2001 L Street NW, Suite 720, Washington, DC 20036; phone: 202-663-7823.

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Mingo County Schools is requesting two separate bids to be submitted for a service truck equivalent to that of a Ford F350 XL (base) 2024 model year or newer. Minimum required specs below:

Bid 1

- 4 doors
- 4x4 drive type
- Automatic transmission
- Diesel engine
- Single axle
- 6.5 ft service body
- Dual batter group

Bid 2

- Same as Bid 1 but for chassis only (no service body)

Instructions to bidders:

- Include lead time for vehicle on bid proposal
- Include a copy of your business registration certificate from the WV State Tax Department with your bid.
- Include a copy of your business registration certificate with the WV Secretary of State (if applicable).
- You must be willing to complete the Mingo County Schools Vendor Registration form if you are the successful bidder.
- You must accept a district purchase order; pre-payment is not permitted under district and state policy.

Sealed bids are to be mailed or hand delivered to:
Mingo County Board of Education
Attn: Finance Office
110 Cinderella Road
Williamson, WV 25661

Bids are due to the Finance Office by 2:00 pm November 1st, 2024, at which time they will be publicly opened. The envelope shall be marked, "Transportation Service Truck Bid".

For questions, please contact the transportation office at 304-475-2078.

Mingo County Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole, or in part, and reserves the right to waive all informalities in the bid process as well as select the bid proposal that is most advantageous to the Board.

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EXHIBIT D

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH
ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORT
REQUIREMENTS**

Certificate of Compliance

49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 – Advance Distribution of Environmental and Historic Report

I hereby certify that, on September 23, 2024, a copy of Norfolk Southern Railway Company's Consolidated Environmental and Historic Report for the proposed abandonment encompassed by AB-290 (Sub-No. 417X), accompanied by a transmittal letter conforming to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11, was served upon the following entities as prescribed by 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(b) and 1105.8(c) (copies of the transmittal letters are also appended hereto as part of Attachment 1):

Mayor Matthew D. Moore 306 McCoy Street Matewan, WV 25678	Kasey Taylor NRCS – Northeast Regional Conservationist USDA National Resources Conservation Service 1400 Independence Avenue SW, #5204S Washington, DC 20250
Tina Lockard Mingo County Commission Office 78 Second Avenue, #308 Williamson, WV 25661	Jon Bourdon West Virginia State Conservationist 1550 Earl L. Core Road, Suite 200 Morgantown, WV 26505
Kathy Emery, Director WV Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water & Waste Management 601 57 th Street SE Charleston, WV 25304	Susan Pierce Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Capitol Complex 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East Charleston, WV 25305
Matt Sweeney, P.E. WV Department of Environmental Protection NPDES Individual Permit Supervisor 601 57 th Street SE Charleston, WV 25304	Communications and Outreach Branch, NOAA, N/NGS12 National Geodetic Survey, SSMC3 #9340 1315 East West Highway Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282
Wendi Weber Northeast Regional Director U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – Northeast Reg. 300 West Gate Center Drive Hadley, MA 01035	Gay Vietzke, Regional Director National Park Service 1234 Market Street, 20 th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19107

West Virginia Ecological Services USF&W West Virginia Field Office 6263 Appalachian Highway Davis, WV 26260	Helen Mahan – Northeast Region National Park Service Rivers and Trails Conservation Program Atlanta Federal Center, 1924 Building 100 Alabama Street, SW Atlanta, GA, 30303
Adam Ortiz, Regional Administrator United States EPA – Region 3 Four Penn Center 1600 JFK Boulevard Philadelphia, PA 19103	Mr. Bob Ratcliffe, Chief Chief, Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Division Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program 1849 C. Street NW, Room 1344 Washington, DC 20240
Cindy Butler, Executive Director State Rail Authority West Virginia Department of Transportation 120 Water Plant Drive Moorefield, WV 26836	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460
	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District 2200 William S. Moorhead Federal Building 1000 Liberty Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186

/s/ *Crystal M. Zorbaugh*

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ATTACHMENT 1

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORT
INCLUDING SAMPLE TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Combined Environmental and Historic Report

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Combined Environmental and Historic Report

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”) submits this Combined Environmental and Historic Report (“E&HR”) pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e) and 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(d), respectively, in connection with NSR’s proposed abandonment of an approximately 3.5-mile- rail line,¹ extending from approximately Milepost AL 0.0 +/- to approximately Milepost AL 3.5 +/- (the “Line”) in Mingo County, West Virginia.

¹ According to NSR’s research, this line was originally obtained in a condemnation hearing in 1914 by Norfolk and Western Railway Company. Norfolk and Western Railway Company was merged into Norfolk Southern Railway Company in 1998.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(1)

Proposed Action and Alternatives

Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any rail line and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable, detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

RESPONSE: NSR is seeking to abandon an approximately 3.5-mile-long-rail line extending from approximately Milepost AL 0.0 +/- to approximately Milepost AL 3.5 +/- in Mingo County, West Virginia. There are no structures (bridges) on the Line.

No customers have been served on the Line for more than four years. Following abandonment, NSR will not be salvaging the Line's rail and related track material. The contour of the existing roadbed will remain as is, and existing drainage systems will remain intact. No ballast will be removed, and no soil disturbance will occur. No digging or burying of any kind will be undertaken as a result of the abandonment. Accordingly, NSR believes that no storm water mitigation measures including, but not limited to, a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit will be required.

The alternative to abandonment is to not abandon the Line. This alternative is not satisfactory. NSR would continue to incur opportunity and other holding costs that would need to be covered by non-existent shippers were the Line to be retained.

A map depicting the Line is attached as **Appendix A**. An example of NSR's letter to federal, state and local government agencies along with a list of the consulting agencies that NSR has contacted is attached as **Appendix B**. Comments received as a result of NSR's written requests for feedback can be found in **Appendix C**.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(2) Transportation system.

Describe the effects of the proposed action on regional or local transportation systems and patterns. Estimate the amount of traffic (passenger or freight) that will be diverted to other transportation systems or modes as a result of the proposed action.

RESPONSE: Effects of the proposed action on regional or local transportation systems and patterns would be negligible. There is no NSR rail freight or passenger traffic originating or terminating on the Line.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(3) Land use.

(i) Based on consultation with local and/or regional planning agencies and/or a review of the official planning documents prepared by such agencies, state whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Describe any inconsistencies.

RESPONSE: An outline of future land use plans has been requested from the town of Matewan and Mingo County, West Virginia which were asked to comment on the consistency of the proposed abandonment of the Line with existing land use plans. The land adjoining the Line consists of a combination of residential and commercial areas and agricultural land. NSR has not received comments.

(ii) Based on consultation with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, state the effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land.

RESPONSE: NSR does not believe the abandonment will have any adverse impact on prime agricultural land. However, a copy of this E&HR has been mailed to The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (“USDA NRCS”) for its information and to provide USDA NRCS an opportunity to comment. In earlier correspondence dated August 8, 2024, the West Virginia State Soil Scientist commented that, “...the abandonment of the rail line will have no negative impact on prime agricultural land.” See E&HR Consultation Letter Example and Service List, attached as **Appendix B**; see also Agency Comments/Responses in **Appendix C**.

(iii) If the action affects land or water uses within a designated coastal zone, include the coastal zone information required by Sec. 1105.9.

RESPONSE: The Line does not appear to be located within a coastal zone. However, a copy of the E&HR was mailed to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection for its comments and feedback. See Appendix B.

(iv) If the proposed action is an abandonment state whether or not the right-of-way is suitable for alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. 10906 and explain why.

RESPONSE: NSR has fee simple ownership to the right-of-way underlying the Line proposed for abandonment; thus, NSR may have a corridor available for redeployment for alternative public use(s). The Line does not contain any federally granted right-of-way.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(4) Energy.

(i) Describe the effect of the proposed action on transportation of energy resources.

RESPONSE: Development and transportation of energy resources will not be affected by the abandonment. There is no NSR rail freight or passenger traffic originating or terminating on the Line.

(ii) Describe the effect of the proposed action on recyclable commodities.

RESPONSE: Movement or recovery of recyclable commodities will not be affected by the abandonment. There is no NSR rail freight or passenger traffic originating or terminating on the Line.

(iii) State whether the proposed action will result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency and explain why.

RESPONSE: The proposed action will not result in any material impact in overall energy efficiency because there is no NSR rail freight or passenger traffic originating or terminating on the Line.

(iv) If the proposed action will cause diversions from rail to motor carriage of more than:
(A) 1,000 rail carloads a year; or
(B) An average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year for any part of the affected line, quantify the resulting net change in energy consumption and show the data and methodology used to arrive at the figure given.

RESPONSE: The diversion of traffic to motor carriers will not exceed the thresholds set forth at 49 CFR §1105.7(e)(4) as no diversions will occur. Accordingly, there is no need to produce data on diverted traffic or to quantify the net change in energy consumption.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(5) Air.

(i) If the proposed action will result in either:
(A) An increase in rail traffic of at least 100 percent (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least eight trains a day on any segment of rail line affected by the proposal, or
(B) An increase in rail yard activity of at least 100 percent (measured by carload activity), or
(C) An average increase in truck traffic of more than 10 percent of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on any affected road segment, quantify the anticipated effect on air emissions.

RESPONSE: The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

(ii) If the proposed action affects a class I or nonattainment area under the Clean Air Act, and will result in either:
(A) An increase in rail traffic of at least 50 percent (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least three trains a day on any segment of rail line,
(B) An increase in rail yard activity of at least 20 percent (measured by carload activity), or
(C) An average increase in truck traffic of more than 10 percent of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on a given road segment, then state whether any expected increased emissions are within the parameters established by the State Implementation Plan.

RESPONSE: The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

(iii) If transportation of ozone depleting materials (such as nitrogen oxide and Freon®) is contemplated, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and spills; contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of ozone depleting materials in the event of a collision or derailment.

RESPONSE: Not applicable.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(6) Noise.

If any of the thresholds identified in item (5)(i) of this section are surpassed, state whether the

proposed action will cause:

- (i) An incremental increase in noise levels of three decibels Ldn or more; or*
- (ii) An increase to a noise level of 65 decibels Ldn or greater.*

If so, identify sensitive receptors (e.g., schools, libraries, hospitals, residences, retirement communities, and nursing homes) in the project area, and quantify the noise increase for these receptors if the thresholds are surpassed.

RESPONSE: The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(7) Safety.

- (i) Describe any effects of the proposed action on public health and safety (including vehicle delay time at railroad grade crossings).*

RESPONSE: Abandonment of the Line will have no adverse impact on public health and safety.

- (ii) If hazardous materials are expected to be transported, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; whether chemicals are being transported that, if mixed, could react to form more hazardous compounds; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and hazardous spills; the contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of hazardous materials.*

RESPONSE: Not applicable.

- (iii) If there are any known hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous materials spills on the right-of-way, identify the location of those sites and the types of hazardous materials involved.*

RESPONSE: NSR has no knowledge of hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous material spills on the right-of-way or in areas adjacent to the Line.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(8) Biological Resources.

- (i) Based on consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, describe the effects.*

RESPONSE: NSR does not believe the abandonment will have any adverse impact on surrounding habitats and species. However, a copy of this E&HR has been mailed to the U.S. Fish

and Wildlife Service (“USF&W”) to ascertain any impacts to surrounding habitats and species. See Appendix B. In addition, NSR has completed the desktop review process using the USF&W IPaC web portal. That review process indicated this abandonment would have no effect on surrounding habitats and species. NSR agrees with the USF&W IPaC web portal findings, specifically because NSR is not conducting salvage, there will be no change in surrounding habitats resulting from the abandonment. USF&W has been supplied with a copy of this report. See Appendix B.

(ii) State whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected, and describe any effects.

RESPONSE: According to NSR’s review of local maps, NSR determined that the Line does not pass through state parks or forests, national parks or forests, or wildlife sanctuaries. As such, no adverse effects on wildlife sanctuaries, national parks or forests, or state parks or forests are anticipated. Nevertheless, NSR has notified the National Park Service (“NPS”) of the proposed abandonment by letter dated September 23, 2024. NPS has been supplied with a copy of this Report. See Appendix B.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(9) Water.

(i) Based on consultation with State water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards. Describe any inconsistencies.

RESPONSE: NSR does not intend to remove or alter the contour of the roadbed underlying the Line to be abandoned by way of excavation or other ground-disturbance activity. Accordingly, no soils will be disturbed as a result of the proposed abandonment, and no storm water mitigation measures – including, but not limited to, a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit – will be required. There are no plans to undertake in-stream work, or dredge and/or use any fill materials in connection with the proposed abandonment, so, for this reason also, the proposed

abandonment will not result in water quality impacts. NSR currently provides no rail service over the Line and has not done so for more than twenty years.

Consultation has been requested from the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (“WVDEP”) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA Region 3”). See Appendix B.

(ii) Based on consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, state whether permits under section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) are required for the proposed action and whether any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected. Describe the effects.

RESPONSE: NSR believes that – (1) no permits under section 404 of the Clean Water Act will be required for the proposed abandonment, and (2) no designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected. As NSR will not be salvaging the Line’s rail and related track material, the geometry of the roadbed will not be altered and no in-stream work is contemplated. For this reason, NSR believes that a permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will not be required. NSR also received correspondence dated August 9, 2024 from the Division of Water and Water Management of the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, which stated it had no objection to the proposed abandonment based on the fact “...that activities will be consistent with water quality standards, not a source for water pollution, and there will be no stormwater or industrial discharge requiring a permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.” See Appendix C.

No discernible effects on either 100-year flood plains or adjacent wetlands are expected in connection with the proposed abandonment. Consultation was requested from the U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers Pittsburgh District Headquarters (“USACE”) by letter dated September 23 , 2024. A copy of this Report was attached to the letter. See Appendix B.

(iii) State whether permits under section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) are required for the proposed action.

RESPONSE: NSR does not plan to remove or alter the roadbed underlying the Line, or to undertake in-stream work or to dredge or use any fill materials. There will be no excavation or other ground-disturbance activity, and, because no soils will be disturbed, no storm water mitigation measures – including, but not limited to, a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit – will be required. NSR anticipates that the abandonment will not affect water quality and that additional permitting under Section 402 will not be required. Nevertheless, NSR has requested input from the EPA Region 3, the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection by letter dated September 23 , 2024. A copy of this Report was attached to the letter. See Appendix B.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(10) Proposed Mitigation.

Describe any actions that are proposed to mitigate adverse environmental impacts, indicating why the proposed mitigation is appropriate.

RESPONSE: Abandonment of the Line is not expected to produce adverse environmental impacts for the reasons set forth above. To reiterate, NSR is not salvaging the materials on the line in association with this abandonment. Therefore, NSR is of the opinion that mitigating action unnecessary. However, NSR will undertake all reasonable mitigation associated with these activities as directed by the Board to assure the abandonment does not produce adverse environmental impacts, including consulting with federal, state, and/or local agencies on any mitigation measures they may recommend to the Board.

HISTORIC REPORT

49 CFR 1105.8(d)

PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES

NSR proposes to abandon an approximately 3.5-mile rail line, extending from approximately Milepost AL 0.0 +/- to approximately Milepost AL 3.5 +/- (the “Line”) in the Mingo County, WV. No customers have been served on the Line for more than four years.

Following abandonment, no salvage activities will be performed. The contour of the existing roadbed will remain as is and existing drainage systems will remain intact. No ballast will be removed, and no soil disturbance will occur. No digging or burying of any kind will be undertaken. Accordingly, NSR believes that no storm water mitigation measures – including, but not limited to, a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit – will be required.

The alternative to abandonment is to not abandon the Line and retain the track in place. This alternative is not satisfactory. NSR would continue to incur opportunity and other holding costs that would need to be covered by non-existent shippers were the Line to be retained.

A map depicting the Line is attached in **Appendix A**.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(1) **U.S.G.S. Topographic Map** –Topographic maps were furnished to the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office as part of a complete copy of this report on September 23, 2024. See Appendix B.

(2) **Written Description of Right of Way** – The right-of-way width ranges from 50 feet to 120 feet along the main track centerline. Pursuant to Surface Transportation Board policy, the railroad's right-of-way will constitute the Area of Potential Effect (“APE”) for this undertaking.

(3) **Photographs** - As there are no structures on the line, no submission of photographs is necessary.

(4) **Date of Construction of Structures** – There are no structures on the line.

(5) **History of Operations and Changes Contemplated** – According to NSR’s research, this line was originally obtained in a condemnation hearing in 1914 by Norfolk and Western Railway Company. Norfolk and Western Railway Company was merged into Norfolk Southern Railway Company in 1998. NSR currently contemplates no changes to the Line and NSR will not conduct salvage.

(6) **Summary of Documents In Carrier's Possession That Might Be Useful for Documenting a Structure That Is Found To Be Historic** – There are no structures on the line.

(7) **Opinion Regarding Criteria For Listing In The National Register Of Historic Places**

There are no structures within the APE for this project. NSR believes that given the lack of structures on the Line and the lack of historical significance of the Line itself, the Line proposed for abandonment does not meet the criteria for listing in the *National Register of Historic Places*. Thus, NSR has no reason to believe that there is any likelihood of finding archaeological resources or historic properties on the Line proposed for abandonment as no salvage is to be undertaken. NSR has entered this project into the on-line portal for review by the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office.

(8) **Subsurface Ground Conditions That Might Affect Archaeological Recovery**

Based on its records, NSR is not aware of any prior subsurface ground disturbances or environmental conditions that would affect archaeological recovery. Moreover, abandonment of the Line and will not affect any potential archaeological resources. The subsurface of the right-of-way was initially disturbed in the construction of the railroad line by grading and filling.

Abandonment of the Line will not result in activities below the surface, or below the level of initial disturbance, as no salvage is being performed.

- (9) **Follow-Up Information** – Additional information will be provided as appropriate.

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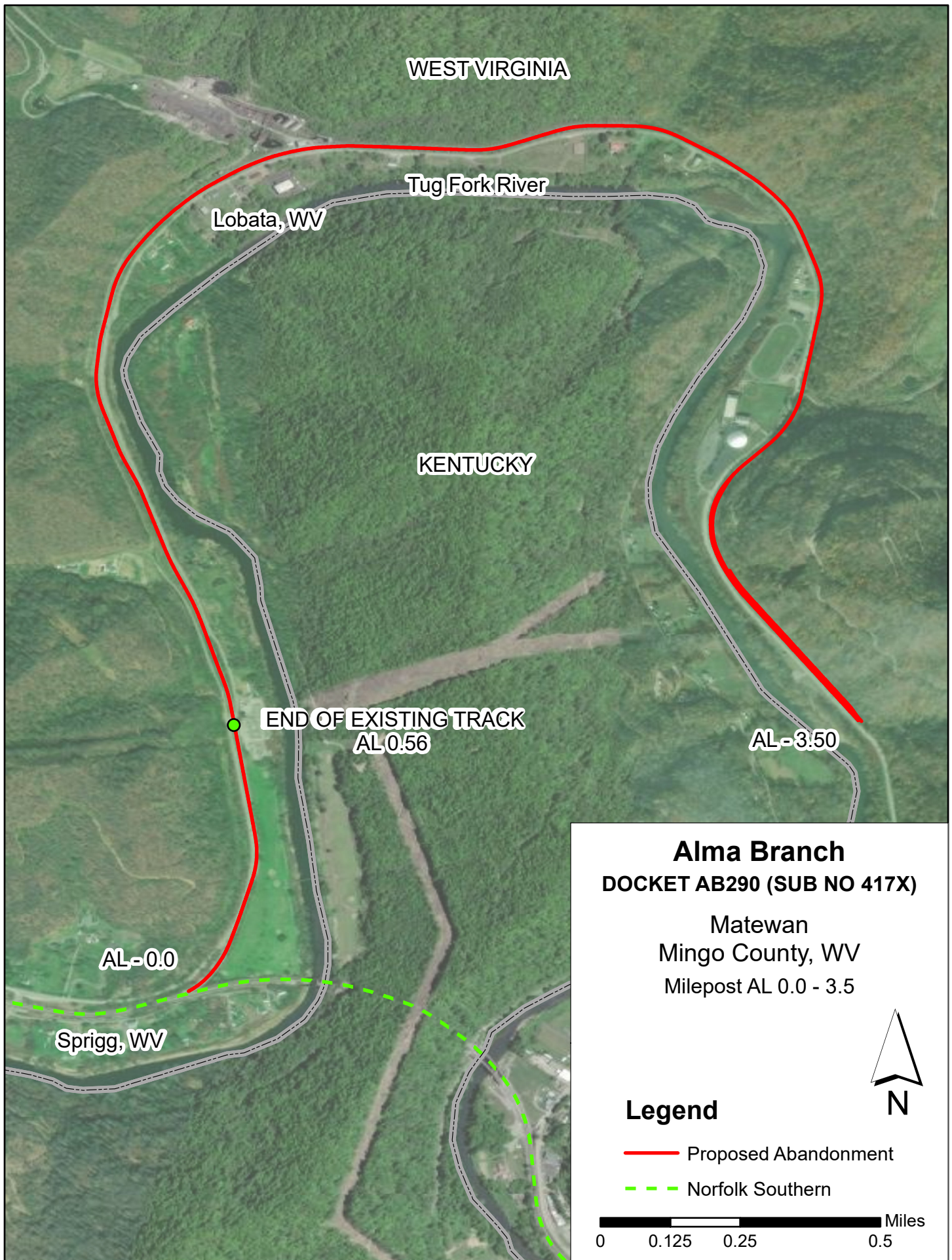
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Map



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APPENDIX B

Sample Consultation Letter & Recipient List



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Scott Plum
Director – Strategic Planning
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September XX, 2024

[ENTITY]

RE: AB-290 (Sub-No. 417X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company Abandonment – In Mingo County, West Virginia

[GREETING]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) plans to request authority from the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to abandon the segment of rail line between approximately Milepost AL 0.0 +/- and approximately Milepost AL 3.5 +/-, in Mingo County, a distance of 3.5 miles (“Line”).

Enclosed is a Combined Environmental and Historic Report (Report) which describes the proposed abandonment and other pertinent information. A map of the proposed track abandonment can be found in **Appendix A** of this report. **Appendix B** of this report lists the various agencies receiving it. **Appendix C** of this report lists the various agency responses.

NSR does not anticipate adverse environmental impacts as NSR will not be conducting salvage operations; however, if you identify any adverse environmental effects, please describe the actions that would assist in alleviating them. Please provide us with a written response indicating any concerns or lack thereof, which will be included in the Report and sent to the Surface Transportation Board (STB).

This Report is being provided so that you may submit information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental analysis of the proceeding. If you believe any of the information is incorrect, if you think pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the Board's Environmental Review process, please contact the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) by telephone at (202) 245-0245 or by mail to:

Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Room 1106
Washington DC 20423-0001

Questions regarding the abandonment process generally, offers of financial assistance, and/or public use or trail use may be directed to the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at 202-245-0230. Based on information in our possession, the Line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. However, any documentation in NSR's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it. Please refer to the above Docket when contacting the STB.

Applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action. For this reason your written comments (with a copy to us) would be appreciated within three weeks.

Your comments will be considered by the Board in evaluating the environmental impacts of the contemplated action. In order for us to consider your input prior to filing with the STB, NSR must receive your comments within three weeks. Please provide information to Scott Plum by email or by mail at:

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Best regards,

Scott D. Plum

Attachment

RECIPIENT LIST

Proposed Rail Line Abandonment on Norfolk Southern Railway Company's rail line segment between AL 0.0 +/- and AL 3.5 +/- in Mingo County, West Virginia, a distance of approximately 3.5 miles.

Mayor Matthew D. Moore 306 McCoy Street Matewan, WV 25678	Kasey Taylor NRCS – Northeast Regional Conservationist USDA National Resources Conservation Service 1400 Independence Avenue SW, #5204S Washington, DC 20250
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Matt Sweeney, P.E. WV Department of Environmental Protection NPDES Individual Permit Supervisor 601 57 th Street SE Charleston, WV 25304	Communications and Outreach Branch, NOAA, N/NGS12 National Geodetic Survey, SSMC3 #9340 1315 East West Highway Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282
Wendi Weber Northeast Regional Director U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – Northeast Reg. 300 West Gate Center Drive Hadley, MA 01035	Gay Vietzke, Regional Director National Park Service 1234 Market Street, 20 th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19107
West Virginia Ecological Services USF&W West Virginia Field Office 6263 Appalachian Highway Davis, WV 26260	Helen Mahan – Northeast Region National Park Service Rivers and Trails Conservation Program Atlanta Federal Center, 1924 Building 100 Alabama Street, SW Atlanta, GA, 30303
Adam Ortiz, Regional Administrator United States EPA – Region 3 Four Penn Center 1600 JFK Boulevard Philadelphia, PA 19103	Bob Ratcliffe, Chief Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Division Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program 1849 C. Street NW, Room 1344 Washington, DC 20240

Cindy Butler, Executive Director State Rail Authority West Virginia Department of Transportation 120 Water Plant Drive Moorefield, WV 26836	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Alberto Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460
	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District 2200 William S. Moorhead Federal Building 1000 Liberty Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186

ATTACHMENT 2

**CONSULTING AGENCY RESPONSES TO
ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORT
(POST-CIRCULATION)**

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Agency Comments/Responses



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Natural Resources Conservation Service
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August 8, 2024

Subject: AB-290 (sub-No. 417X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment – Matewan, WV

Mr. Plum,

The letter is being provided in response to your request to determine the effect of the proposed abandonment of the Alma Branch section of rail line, mile post AL 0.0 – 3.5. This letter addresses your requirement outlined in 49 C.F.R. §1105.7(e)(3)(ii).

Due to the nature of the construction of the rail line, the natural soil characteristics that existed prior to construction have now been altered. Prime or other important farmland that may have existed on this site are no longer present. Therefore, the abandonment of said rail line will have no negative impact on prime agricultural land.

Contact me if you have questions regarding this report.

JARED BEARD
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Attachment: Request letter with map



west virginia department of environmental protection

Division of Water and Water Management
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Charleston West Virginia 25304-2345
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Harold D. Ward, Cabinet Secretary
dep.wv.gov

August 9, 2024

Scott Plum
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RE: Norfolk Southern Corporation
Abandonment Decision
Mingo County

Dear Mr. Plum,

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) received your Rail Abandonment review request letter dated July 30th, 2024 from Norfolk Southern Corporation on behalf of Norfolk Southern Railway Company. The Division of Water and Waste Management (DWWM) has reviewed the document with the proposed actions summarized as follows:

- Abandon a segment of rail line (Alma Branch) from MP AL 0.0 +/- at Sprigg, WV to AL 3.5 +/- at Vimy, WV near Matewan in Mingo County.
- Rail line and related track material will remain in place and abandonment would not disturb subgrade or subgrade structures. No salvaging shall occur that would disturb the soil.
- The proposed abandonment activities have no discharge.

Following review of the abandonment request, the DWWM has no objection to Norfolk Southern's proposal to abandon the rail line based on the fact that activities will be consistent with water quality standards, not a source for water pollution, and there will be no stormwater or industrial discharge requiring a permit under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342).

If you have any questions or concerns in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact Albert Barbery, of my staff, at 304-926-0499 extension 43769 or albert.barbery@wv.gov.

Sincerely,

Jeremy W. Bandy
Director

JWB/amb

cc: Charles Gentry, WVDEP DWWM - Groundwater and UIC Inspector

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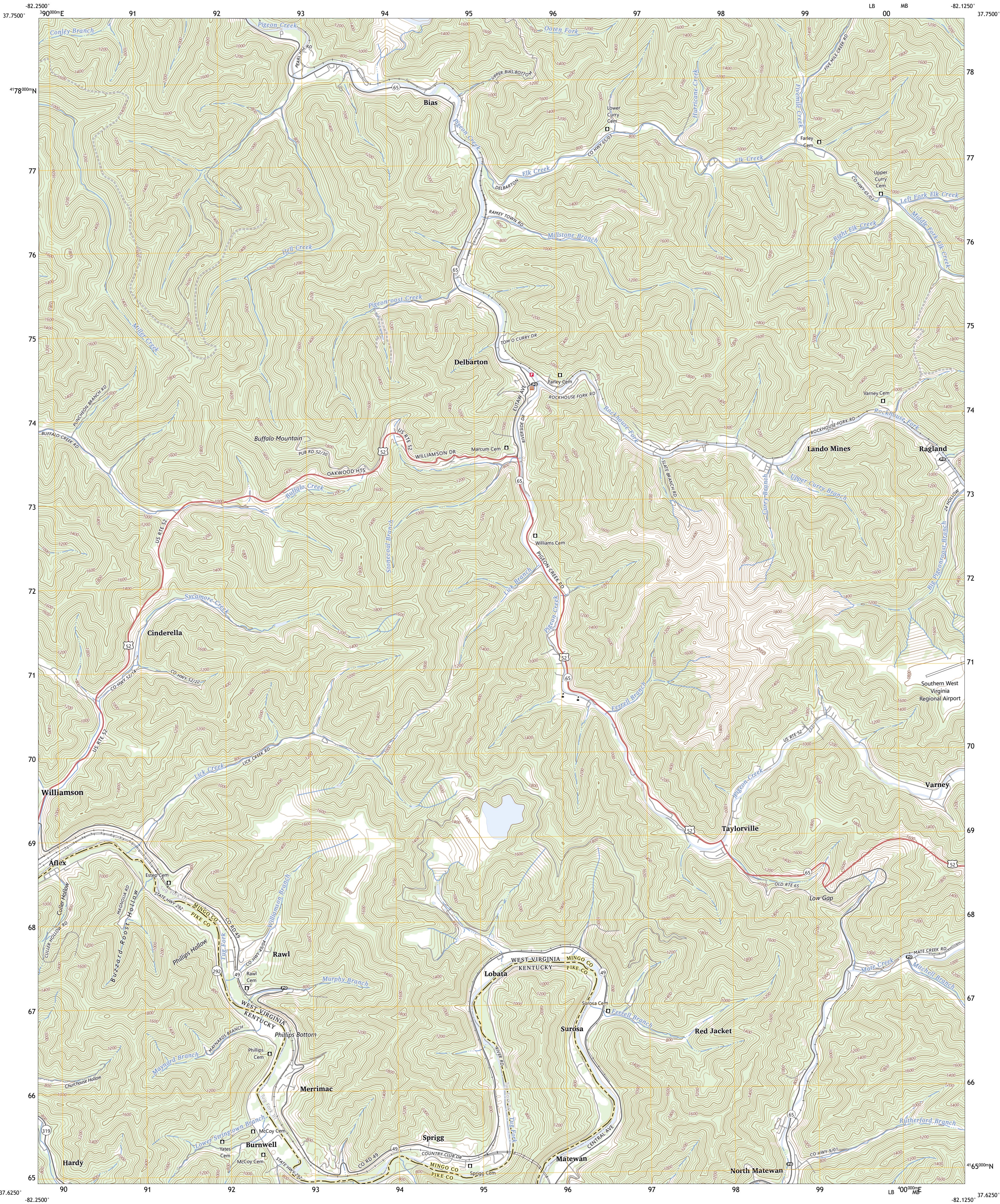
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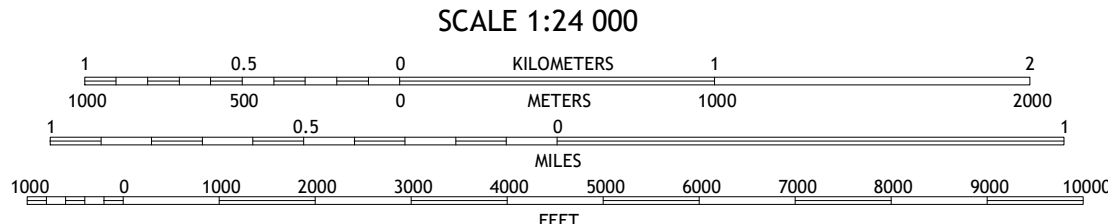
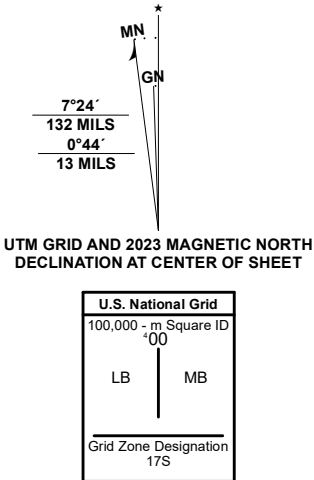
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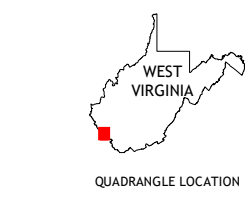
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- 1 Naugatuck
- 2 Myrtle
- 3 Holden
- 4 Williamson
- 5 Barnabus
- 6 Belfry
- 7 Matewan
- 8 Majestic

ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
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Ramp	4WD
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