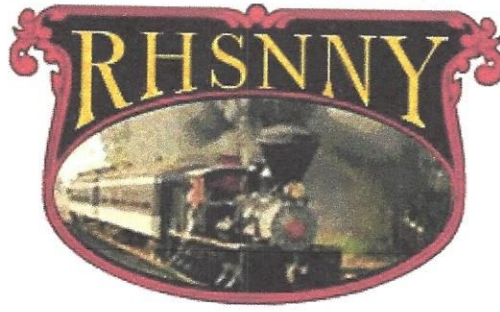




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Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Surface Transportation Board:

It has come to our attention that the service date of April 22, 20225 STB decision Docket AB180X The Lowville Beaver River Railroad Company- Abandonment exemption – Lewis County, New York. Decided April 21, 2025 is wrong.

In the STB decision it states that the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Office Register of Historic Places (National Register) says that the line is not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic places and that it would have no effect on historic properties **is WRONG!**

We never got a letter from the State Historic Preservation office that we were taken off the National Register of Historic Places. Lowville Beaver River Railroad Historic District has been listed on the National Register and confirmed by Chelesa Towers (per phone call with that office on 4/23/25 at 8:05 AM) Our National listing number is :

National Register Number: 23NR00118

Historic Name: Lowville & Beaver River Railroad Historic District

Other Names/Site Number: Croghan Depot, Lowville Depot, LBRR, Beaver Falls Depot

This needs to be corrected. We use the Lowville Beaver Railroad for rides and teaching as a nonprofit 501-c3 educational museum. This listing on the national register would help us with grants.

Please fix this error. Lewis County rails to trails program would hurt us and the public who wants the rail left in place.

Sincerely,

Ron Trottier
President

Railway Historical Society of Northern New York

cc email all parties



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November 22, 2024

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Re: Lowville and Beaver River Historic Rail Road
9781 Main Street
Croghan, NY 13327
Lewis County

Dear Ron Trottier:

I am pleased to inform you that the above referenced property was listed **November 18, 2024** on the National Register of Historic Places. As you may know, the National Register is the nation's official list of properties worthy of preservation. Listing on the National Register recognizes the importance of these properties to the history of our country and provides them with a measure of protection. ***In addition, owners of income producing properties may qualify for federal and/or state income tax benefits. Homeowners in qualifying census tracts may qualify for state income tax benefits for approved work.*** Properties owned by municipalities and not-for-profit organizations are eligible to apply for state historic preservation matching grants.

We encourage you to learn more about the registers from our website, parks.ny.gov/shpo/national-register/, where you will find information about the criteria for listing as well as frequently asked questions. In addition, please see parks.ny.gov/shpo/tax-credit-programs/ for information about incentive programs for listed properties.

If you would like more information about any of these programs, please contact your field representative, in this case, Leslie Krupa, at the **Division for Historic Preservation** (518) 268-2464. The Division maintains a continuing interest in all registered properties and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Para información en español vaya a parks.ny.gov/shpo/national-register/ y parks.ny.gov/shpo/tax-credit-programs/

Sincerely,

R. Daniel Mackay
Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation and
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