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By email at cmerritt@utah.gov

RE: Docket No. FD 36616, Savage Tooele Railroad Company – Construction and Operation Exemption – Line of Railroad in Tooele County, Utah; Ongoing Section 106 Consultation

Mr. Chris Merritt:

The Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) would like to thank you and Christopher Hansen for our meeting Thursday, February 9th to discuss the Savage Tooele Rail Line Rehabilitation project in Tooele County, Utah. As a result of that meeting, OEA has taken efforts to further refine the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for this undertaking.

In accordance with 36 C.F.R. Part 800 and 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8, and as defined in 36 C.F.R. Part 800.16(d), the APE is the geographic area or areas within which an undertaking may directly or indirectly cause changes in the character or use of historic properties, if any such properties exist. OEA has defined a Below Ground APE for archaeological resources and an Above Ground APE for historic structures/resources. The Below Ground APE for the current undertaking consists of the entirety of the design footprint, including access roads, and captures the existing and required Right-of-Way (ROW) along the 11-mile corridor, and all easements (temporary and permanent) needed for project implementation. The required ROW for the length of the approximately six-mile segment of the former "Warner Branch" rail line would vary from 75 to 200 feet in width. The required ROW for the length of the approximately five-mile segment of proposed track construction with the Lakeview Business Park would vary between 25 and 250 feet in width.

In addition to the Below Ground APE, the Above Ground APE also includes those surrounding areas extending 250 feet from the edge of the design footprint. This will account for

historic resources that may be affected by potential visual and auditory impacts that may occur beyond the limits of immediate ground disturbance.

In further coordinating Section 106 efforts with your office, OEA would like to invite any comments or concerns regarding the currently defined APE to ensure the identification of historic properties are being sufficiently and adequately considered for this undertaking. Please submit your response within 30 days so that we may begin the cultural field survey planning process to identify historic properties and evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed project.

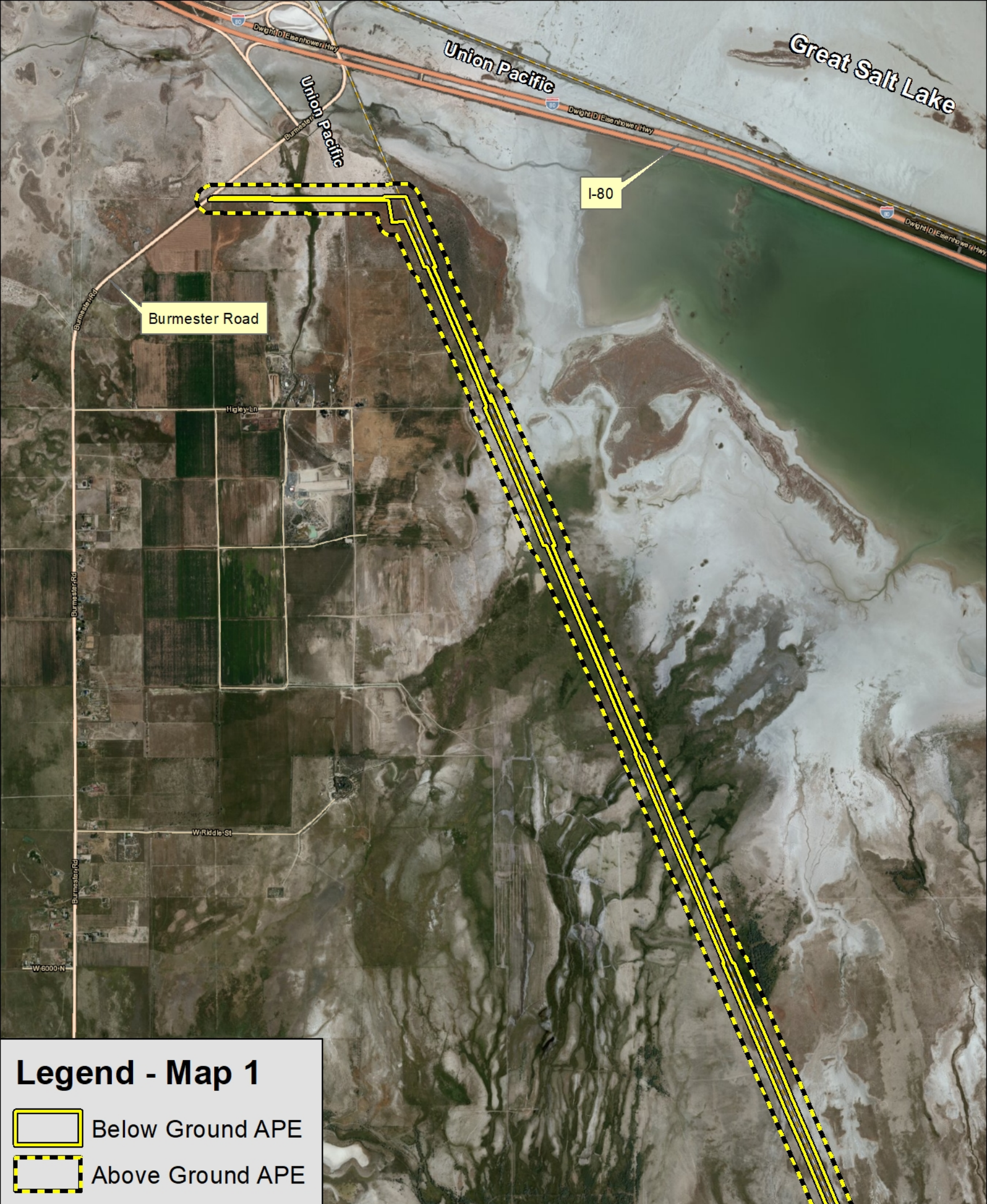
We look forward to continuing to consult with you on the Section 106 process. If you have any questions or would like to arrange a call or meeting, please feel free to contact Alan Tabachnick of my staff at 202-245-0367 or by email at alan.tabachnick@stb.gov.

Sincerely,

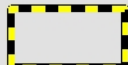
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Danielle Gosselin
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

Enclosure:
Attachment 1: Cultural APE Maps



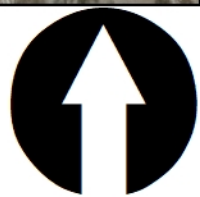
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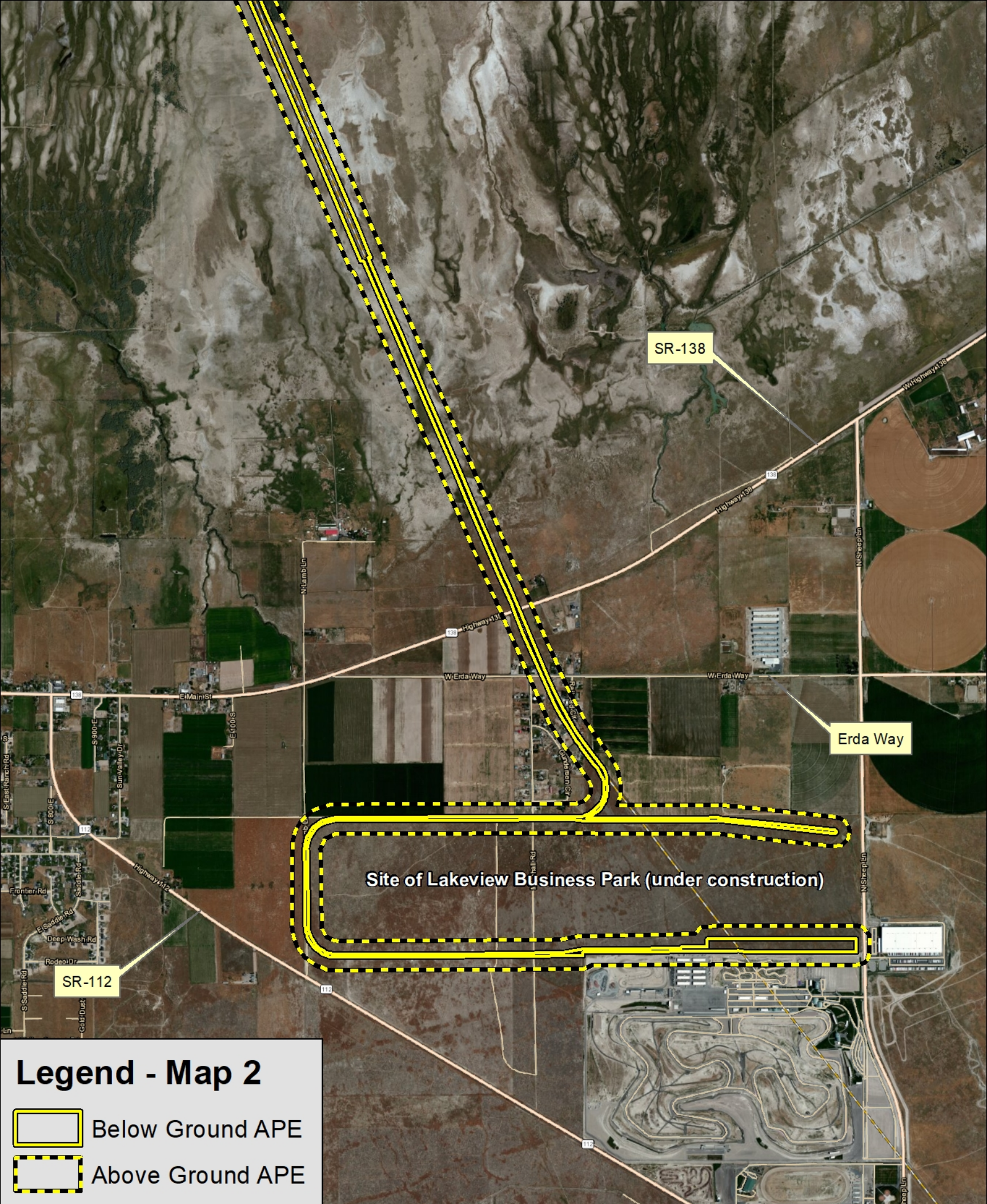
-  Below Ground APE
-  Above Ground APE

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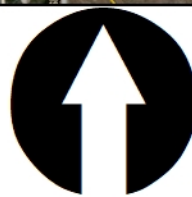
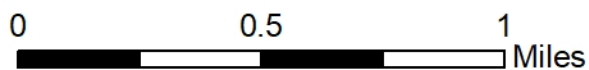


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-  Below Ground APE
-  Above Ground APE

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March 15, 2023

Danielle Gosselin
Director
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RE: Savage Tooele Railroad Company – Construction and Operation Exemption – Line of Railroad in Tooele County (APE)

For future correspondence, please reference Case No. 23-0533

Dear Director Gosselin,

The Utah State Historic Preservation Office received your submission and request for our comment on the above-referenced project on March 14, 2023. Based on the information provided to our office, we agree with your assessment that the proposed Area of Potential Effect accounts for the effects that may occur to historic properties regarding the above-referenced undertaking.

This information is provided to assist with Section 106 responsibilities as per §36CFR800. If you have questions, please contact me at (801) 245-7239 or by email at clhansen@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

Christopher Hansen
Preservation Planner/Utah SHPO