



RE: Gay Branch Railroad Abandonment - Surface Transportation Board (AB-33 (Sub-No. 102X))))

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Date Thu 8/14/2025 12:26 PM

To Carolyn Smith <carolyn.smith@sbtribes.com>

Cc Tabachnick, Alan <alan.tabachnick@stb.gov>; Lee Juan Tendoy <ltyler@sbtribes.com>

Carolyn,
Mr. Tabachnick called me about 45 minutes ago and we discussed the project survey, which was completed yesterday. There were no tribal cultural concerns.

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Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 10:21 AM

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Larae, can you contact Mr. Tabachnick regarding the railroad survey and if there were any concerns.

Thanks,
Carolyn

From: Tabachnick, Alan <alan.tabachnick@stb.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 7:03 AM

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Morning. I am following up on an email I sent you on Monday regarding the Gay Branch Abandonment. We are looking to move the project forward and issue a decision potentially authorizing the abandonment, but would really like to make sure that the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes don't have any outstanding issues. If at all possible, could you give me a call today or send me an email? I realize it has been less than a week but from my review of the project and the consultation so far, it didn't appear as if your Tribe had any concerns about the abandonment of that line (with no salvage or changes other than the bridge over I-15).

I am available all day today. Thank you very much.

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Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 9:48 AM

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Subject: Gay Branch Railroad Abandonment - Surface Transportation Board (AB-33 (Sub-No. 102X)))

Good morning. We are currently working on the proposed abandonment of the Gay Branch Railroad, which includes the railroad overpass over I-15. We received your letter dated January 17, 2025 where you stated that the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes has been involved in the planning for the removal of the bridge and gave consent/approval for its removal along with associated track. I wanted to confirm that the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes has no issues or concerns with the overall proposed abandonment, which would have no salvage of the railroad line other than the one bridge removal.

Our agency has determined that the proposed abandonment would have no adverse effect as the railroad line would remain in place, other than the one bridge. The SHPO has previously found that the removal of the bridge would have no adverse effect, and has concurred with our overall no adverse effect finding.

We value your important input on this project and I look forward to hearing from you soon. I am happy to have a call to discuss this and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you.

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