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Mr. Alan Tabachnick
Surface Transportation Board
Office of Environmental Analysis
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RE: SHPO Case No. 24-0415

Portland & Western Railroad, Inc. (PNWR) Abandonment in the City of Banks, OR STEB Docket No.
AB 541 (Sub No. 4X)
Rail line abandonment
45.3717 123.0649, Banks, Washington County

Dear Alan Tabachnick:

Thank you for submitting information for the undertaking referenced above. The Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) concurs that the Portland & Western Railroad, Inc. abandonment (Docket No. AB 541 [Sub. No. 4X]), in the City of Banks, Oregon, supported by the Surface Transportation Board, is considered a no adverse effect to cultural resources.

The City of Banks will remain responsible for Section 106 coordination and consultation with the Oregon SHPO before proceeding with the proposed Banks-Vernonia Trail Gathering Site Project.

This concludes consultation with our office under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (per 36 CFR Part 800) and/or Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 358.653 for the abandonment portion of the Banks-Vernonia Gathering Site Project. If you have not already done so, be sure to consult with all appropriate Native American tribes and interested parties regarding the proposed undertaking.

In order to help us track the undertaking accurately, reference the SHPO case number above in all correspondence.

Please contact our office if you have any questions, comments or need additional assistance.

Sincerely,

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