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DOCKET NO. AB-1272X

**CENTRAL TEXAS & COLORADO RIVER RAILWAY, LLC
-- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION --
IN MCCULLOCH, SAN SABA, MILLS, AND LAMPASAS COUNTIES, TEX.**

**ABANDONMENT PETITION FOR EXEMPTION OF
CENTRAL TEXAS & COLORADO RIVER RAILWAY, LLC**

EXHIBIT G

COMBINED ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORT

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ENVIRONMENTAL/HISTORIC REPORT

Central Texas & Colorado River Railway, LLC (“CTXR”) submits this combined Environmental/Historic Report (“the Report”) in compliance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8. Supporting correspondence and certifications are appended. As described herein, the proposed abandonment action does not significantly impact the quality of the human environment or affect the conservation of energy resources.¹

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT - 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)

1. Proposed Action and Alternatives. CTEXR intends to file an individual petition for exemption with the Surface Transportation Board (“STB”) for authority to abandon approximately 67.5 miles of railroad from milepost 0.0 at Lometa, Texas, to the end of the line at milepost 67.5 at Brady, Texas (“the Line”). The petition for exemption will be filed pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart G.

No alternatives to the proposed abandonment appear reasonable. The only alternative is retention of the Line in its current, underutilized state. The Line has suffered crippling financial losses in each year of CTEXR’s operation due to low traffic volumes, and, in

¹ See generally 49 C.F.R. § 1105.5(a) (2017) (incorporating “significant” standard of 40 C.F.R. § 1508.27).

2019, the Line is expected to see even fewer revenue carload movements. Shipments of “Brady Brown” frac sand, representing nearly three-quarters of the Line’s historic traffic base, are declining, with one on-line traffic source shuttering its facility entirely and another (which recently changed ownership) advising CTXR that it expects significantly reduced rail shipping needs. As the production – and by extension, the need for transportation – of the sand has decreased, and new traffic opportunities have failed to materialize, the Line lacks a clear path to economic viability, and, thus, CTXR proposes to undertake abandonment. The bulk of the residual traffic is a limited amount of frac sand and agricultural commodities that are transloaded at the end of the Line in Brady. CTXR currently projects moving less than 550 revenue carloads of all types in 2019, which will not cover the operating costs of moving that traffic by rail, much less the additional “back office” expenses incurred to facilitate such movements.

A map showing the Line is attached hereto as Appendix A.

2. Transportation System. CTXR does not anticipate that existing regional or local transportation systems or patterns will be significantly affected by the proposed abandonment, but has requested input from the four affected counties, the Central Texas Council of Governments (“CTCOG”) and the Concho Valley Council of Governments (“CVCOG”) (the latter bodies being the relevant planning organizations pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §§ 134 and 135, respectively). *See* Appendix B (CTCOG and County correspondence); and Appendix C (CVCOG correspondence). Mills County has replied. *See* Appendix B-1. CVCOG declined to participate. *See* Appendix C-1. No other responses have been received. Given that the majority of remaining traffic on the Line is transloaded, and thus already moves for a portion of its overall transport by truck, CTXR believes that the overall impact of the abandonment on regional or local transportation systems will be both minimal and difficult to accurately estimate. CTXR has

also contacted the Rail Division of the Texas Department of Transportation (“TxDOT”). *See* Appendix D. A response from TxDOT is attached as Appendix D-1.

3. Land Use.

(i) It does not appear that the proposed abandonment would be inconsistent with regional and/or local land use plans. CTXR solicited input from CTCOG or CTVOG concerning land use issues. *See* Appendices B and C. Mills County has replied. *See* Appendix B-1. CVCOG declined to participate. *See* Appendix C-1. Additionally, NOAA/National Geodetic Survey has been contacted, but has not yet responded. *See* Appendix E.

(ii) The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), formerly known as the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, has been contacted. *See* Appendix F. CTXR has received no comments from NRCS to date. However, CTXR does not believe that the proposed abandonment would result in any adverse impact to prime agricultural land.

(iii) The Line does not appear to be within a designated Coastal Zone Management Area (see <http://www.glo.texas.gov/coast/coastal-management/forms/files/CoastalBoundaryMap.pdf>). Nevertheless, CTXR has notified the Texas General Land Office Coastal Division (TGLO) to confirm. *See* Appendix G. By letter dated July 29, 2019, the TGLO indicated that the abandonment is outside of the Texas Coastal Management Program boundary, and hence, not subject to consistency review under that program. *See* Appendix G-1.

(iv) CTXR does not know whether or not the right-of-way would be considered suitable for alternative public uses under 49 U.S.C. § 10905, as CTXR is unaware of any public use plans for the rail corridor. However, CTXR believes that the corridor could be

suitable for alternative public use as a rail trail under the Board's interim trails use procedures at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29.

4. Energy.

(i) The proposed abandonment will not have any effect on the transportation of energy resources. No energy resource commodities have moved over the Line in at least two years, and CTXR foresees little or no possibility that such on-line traffic would develop in the future.

(ii) The movement and/or recovery of recyclable commodities will not be adversely affected by this abandonment. No such traffic has been handled during CTXR's operation of the Line, and CTXR foresees little or no possibility that any on-line recyclable commodity traffic would develop in the future.

(iii) The abandonment will not result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency. To the extent that the remaining traffic continues to move by truck, such movements may require less energy consumption.

(iv) Not applicable. The abandonment of the Line will not cause the diversion of more than 1,000 rail carloads per year or an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year to motor carriers.

5. Air.

(i) Not applicable. The abandonment will not result in (A) a minimum increase in rail traffic of 100% or eight trains per day on any segment of rail line; or (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 100%. In addition, CTXR has assessed likely post-abandonment highway traffic demands and patterns, and has concluded that the proposed

abandonment is unlikely to result in an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles per day on any road segment.

(ii) Not applicable. CTXR has consulted U.S. Environmental Protection Agency online resources, and has determined that none of the Line is located within a class I or nonattainment area under the Clean Air Act. Nevertheless, CTXR has contacted the relevant federal and state environmental agencies. *See* Appendices H and I. Two responses were received from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. *See* Appendix I-1. In any event, the abandonment of the Line will not result in traffic increases exceeding the thresholds specified in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)(5)(ii)(A), (B) or (C).

(iii) Not applicable. CTXR has contacted and requested comments from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. *See* Appendices H and I. Two responses were received from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. *See* Appendix I-1. No response has been received to date from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4.

6. Noise. Not applicable. As indicated above, none of the thresholds identified in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)(5)(i) will be exceeded as a result of the abandonment.

7. Safety.

(i) The proposed action will have no adverse effect upon public health or safety. If anything, abandonment will have a positive impact, as there are in excess of 75 grade crossings traversed by rail traffic on the Line.

(ii) Not applicable.

(iii) There are no known hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous material spills on the right-of-way of the Line.

8. Biological Resources.

(i) No critical habitat will be destroyed, altered or affected as a result of the proposed abandonment, and CTXR does not believe that any endangered or threatened species are present in the area or would be adversely affected. CTXR has requested comments from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. *See* Appendices I and J, respectively. Two responses were received from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. *See* Appendix I-1. No other responses have been received to date.

(ii) Similarly, CTXR has no reason to believe that any wildlife sanctuaries or refuges will be affected adversely, based on CTXR's review of the land adjacent to the Line. Notwithstanding, CTXR has solicited input from the relevant conservation agencies. *See* Appendices I and J. Two responses were received from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. *See* Appendix I-1. CTXR has also solicited input from the National Park Service, as set forth in *See* Appendix K. No responses have been received from the National Park Service.

9. Water.

(i) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 has been contacted. *See* Appendix H. To date, no comments have been received from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has also been contacted. *See* Appendix I. Two responses were received from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. *See* Appendix I-1.

(ii) The Army Corps of Engineers ("the Corps") has been contacted to determine if the proposed abandonment requires permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. *See* Appendix L. The Corps acknowledged the contact by letter of August 2, 2019. *See*

Appendix L-1. In addition, CTXR is unaware of the proposed abandonment affecting any 100-year floodplain.

(iii) CTXR does not anticipate the discharge of any pollutants in relation to its proposed abandonment. Additionally, no material will be disposed of into waterways as part of the abandonment. Accordingly, CTXR concludes that no permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act are required. Again, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 has been contacted (*See* Appendix H) regarding such matters, but has not yet responded.

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HISTORIC REPORT - 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(d)

1. Map. A map of the Line is attached hereto as Appendix A.
2. Description of Line. CTXR intends to file an individual petition for exemption with the STB for authority to abandon approximately 67.5 miles of railroad from milepost 0.0 at Lometa, Texas, to the end of the line at milepost 67.5 at Brady, Texas (“the Line”). The Line traverses a generally rural area with moderate elevation between Lometa, in the east, and Brady, in the west; the two endpoints have higher population concentrations. To the extent known, the Line’s right-of-way ranges from 100 feet to 200 feet in width. An inventory of historic track structures (bridges) is appended to this report (*See* Appendix M). There are numerous bridges that are believed in many cases to date to the original construction of the Line in 1910-11 (and so are believed to be at least 50 years old or older) and one building older than 50 years that is owned by the railroad. The building is located at 510 N. Bridge Street, Brady,

Tex. (the “Bridge Street Building”). The Bridge Street Building dimensions are approximately 50’ long by 28’ wide.

3. Photographs. On May 31, 2019, CTXR supplied the Texas Historical Commission (“THC”) with a letter soliciting THC’s input on the proposed abandonment’s potential impact upon historic resources. As part of that solicitation letter – attached in its entirety as Appendix N – CTXR provided THC with photographs of the Bridge Street Building and a formatted inventory of all other structures along the Line (primarily bridges of common design) that CTXR believes are 50 years old or older. On the basis of the materials CTXR has supplied, THC, in turn, has responded through two different stamped replies from Mark Wolfe (State Historic Preservation Officer), one dated June 26, 2019, reporting that “No Historic Properties Affected. Project May Proceed,” and one dated July 2, 2019, stating “Not Eligible for Listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Project May Proceed” *See* Appendix N-1. CTXR is not providing photographs of any structures that are 50 years old or older (other than the Bridge Street Building) or a depiction of the approximate location of these structures on a map (as otherwise required under 49 C.F.R. 1105.8(d)(1)), on the understanding that, because THC has responded as it did on June 26 and July 2, further analysis concerning the impact of the proposed abandonment upon structures that are not of concern to THC is unnecessary. However, should the Board nevertheless find utility in examining such photographs and a depiction of the same on maps and so advises CTXR, then such photographs and mapping will be provided.

4. Information on Structures. Pertinent information was provided to THC as part of CTXR’s May 31, 2019 solicitation letter. *See* Appendix N. Given THC’s response as discussed in the foregoing section, CTXR has determined that providing such information here is

unnecessary, but CTXR will supplement this Report if the Board nevertheless determines that such information is still useful to the agency under the circumstances.

5. History of Operations. CTXR understands that the vast majority of the Line was constructed by the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Rwy. Co. (a predecessor to today's BNSF Railway Company) in 1910-11. CTXR acquired the Line from Heart of Texas Railroad, L.P. ("HTTR") in 2006. Central Texas & Colorado River Railway – Acquisition and Operation Exemption – Line of Heart of Texas Railroad, L.P., Docket No. FD 36018 (STB served Jul. 14, 2016). HTTR had acquired the line from the bankruptcy estate of the Gulf, Colorado & San Saba Railway ("GCSR") in 2012. Heart of Texas Railroad L.P. – Acquisition and Operation Exemption – Gulf Colo. & San Saba Ry., Docket No. FD 35710 (STB served Dec. 12, 2012). In turn, GCSR had previously acquired the line from the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company in 1992. Gulf, Colorado & San Saba Railway Corporation – Acquisition and Operation Exemption – Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company, Docket No. FD 32216 (ICC served Dec. 29, 1992).

6. Engineering Documents. CTXR will provide copies of any engineering documents in its possession upon request.

7. Historic Criteria. As discussed above, CTXR contacted THC and provided it with notice of the proposed abandonment, along with pictures of the Bridge Street Building, and a comprehensive bridge inventory. *See* Appendix N. THC responded on June 26, 2019, as discussed in the foregoing sections of this Report. *See* Appendix N-1.

8. Ground Disturbances. Based on readily available information in its possession, CTXR is not aware of any known prior subsurface ground disturbance or fill, or

environmental conditions (naturally occurring or manmade) that might affect the archeological recovery of resources (such as swampy conditions or the presence of toxic wastes), and the surrounding terrain.

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Appendix A:

-Map of the Line

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Appendix B:

- Central Texas Council of Governments and County Correspondence

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May 31, 2019

Central Texas Council of Governments
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Re: **Docket AB-1272X**
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Abandonment — In McCulloch, San-Saba, Mills, and Lampasas
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Dear Sir/Madam:

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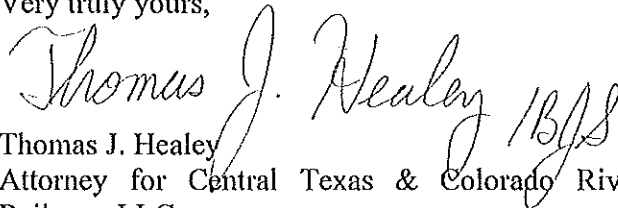
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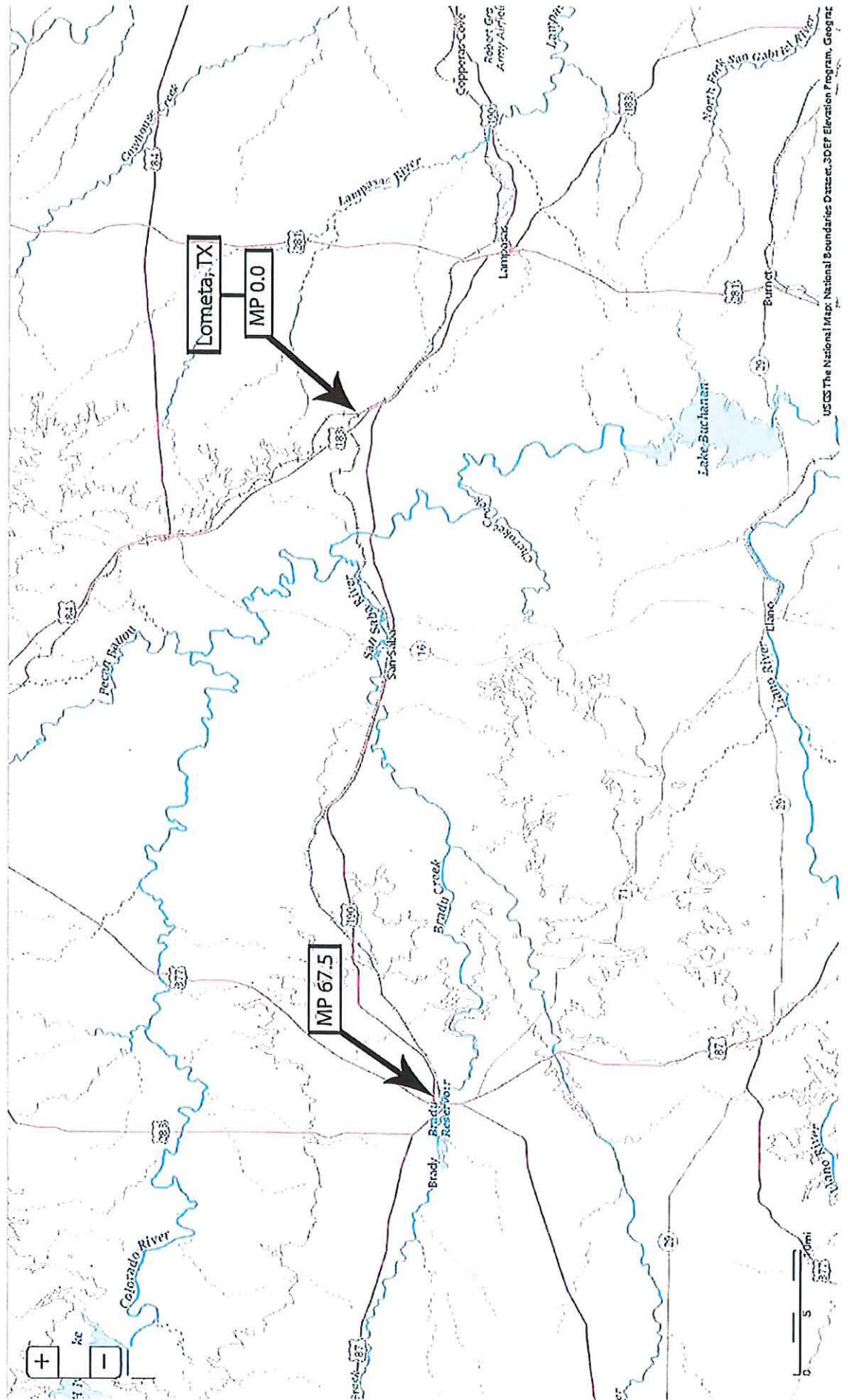
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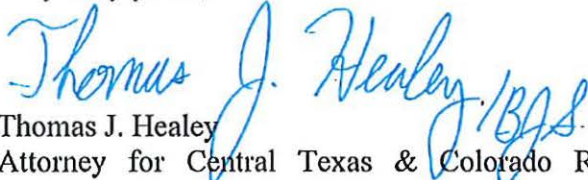
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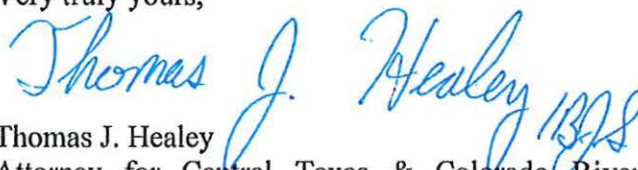
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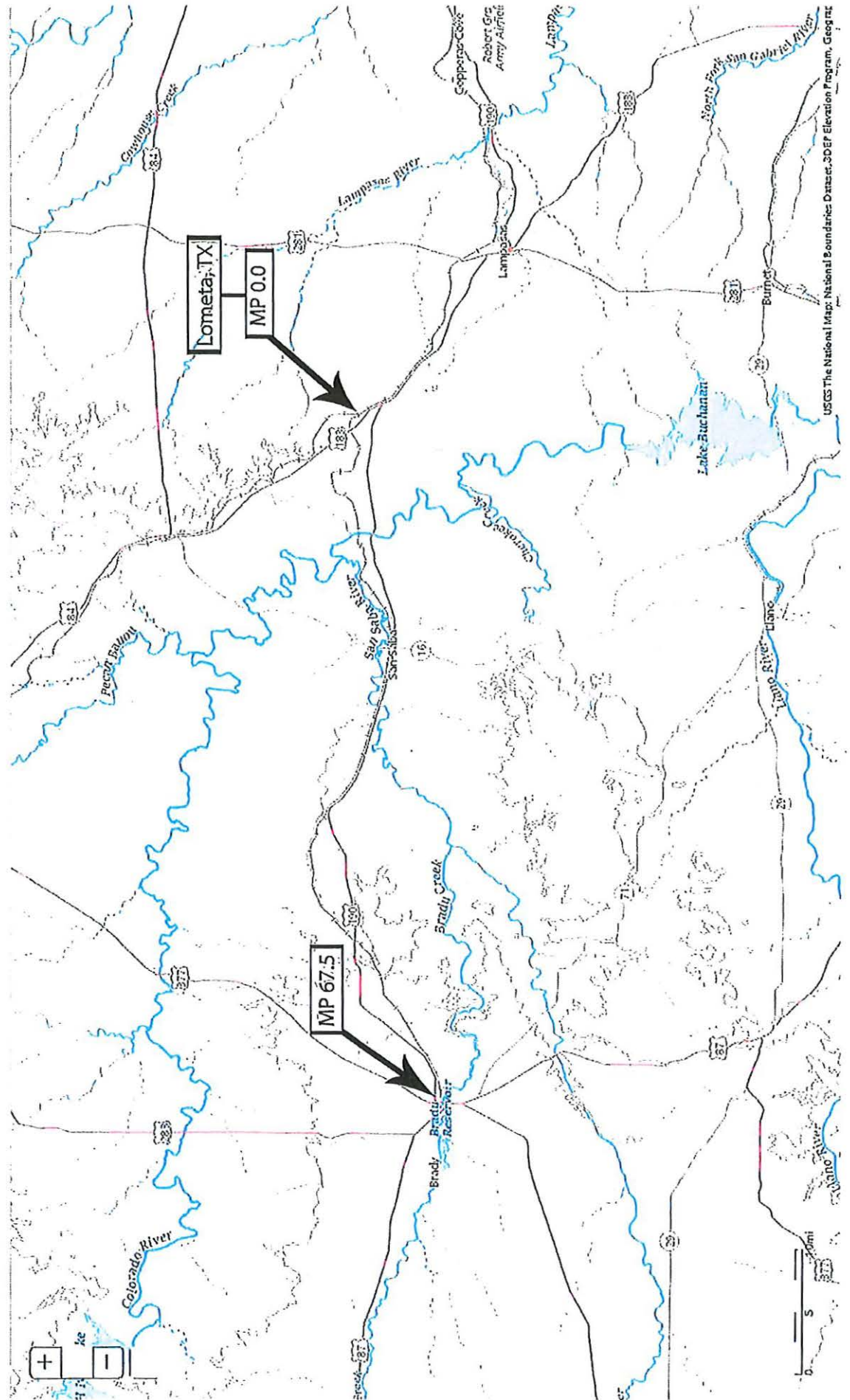
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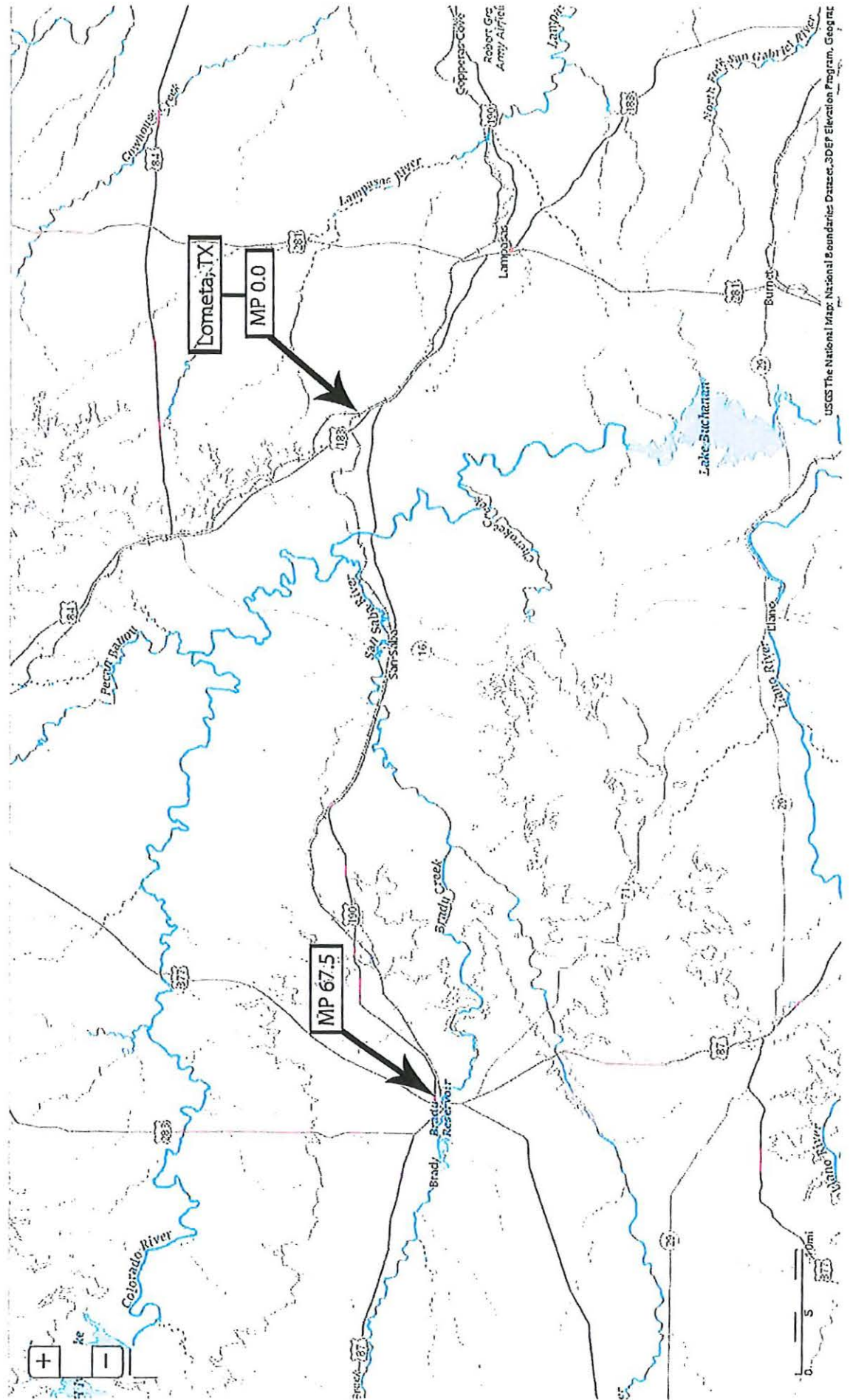
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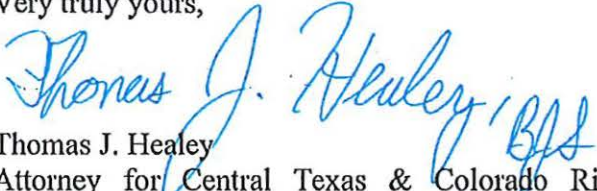
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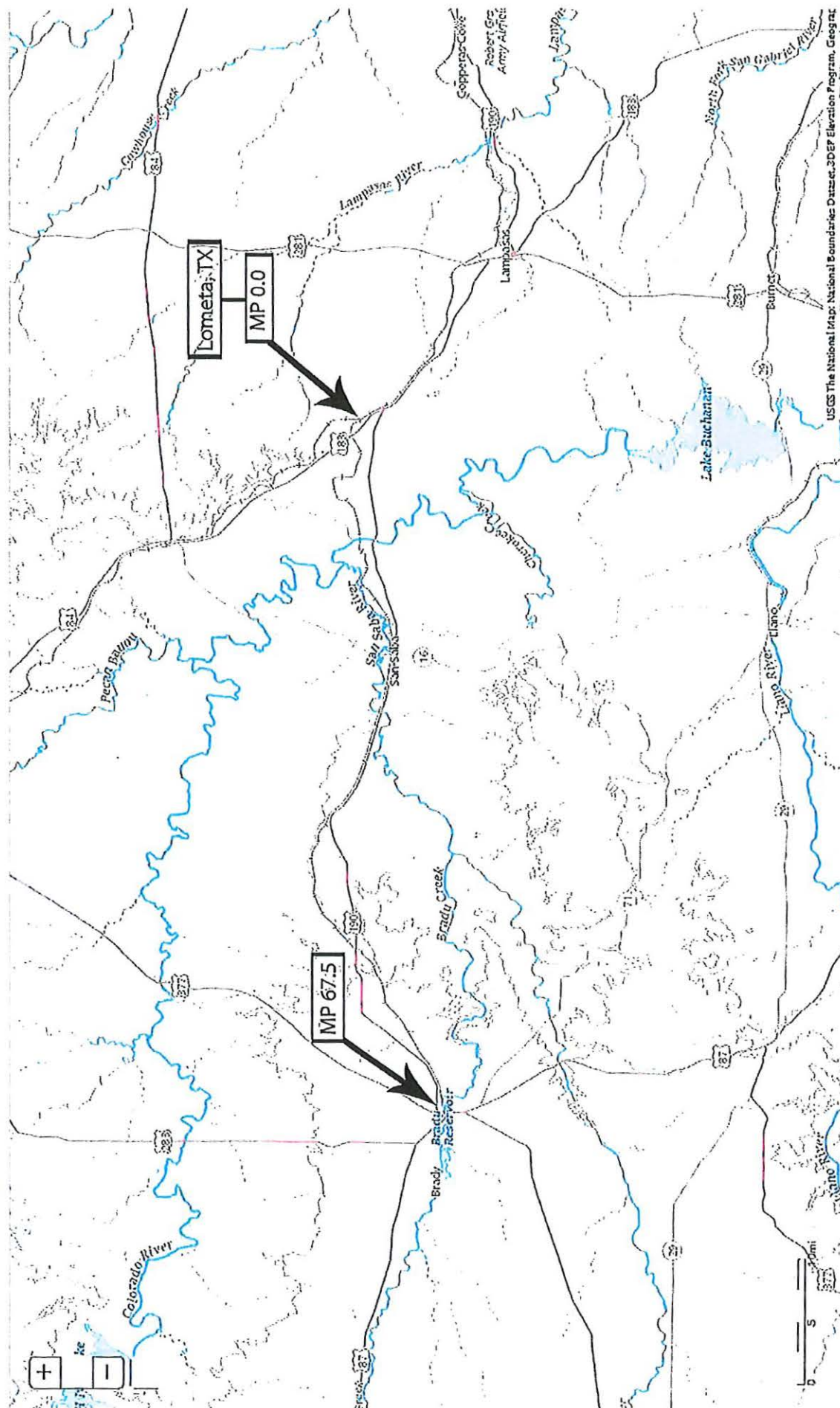
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Appendix B-1:

-Response letter from Mills County Judge, Ed Smith



ED SMITH
Mills County Judge

June 11, 2019

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Re Docket #AB-1272X, Central Texas & Colorado River Railway LLC

Dear Mr. Healey:

We are in receipt of your letter dated May 31, 2019 notifying Mills County of the proposed abandonment of the railroad's right of way between Lometa and Brady, Texas.

Only approximately .5 miles of the proposed 67.5-mile abandonment is in Mills County. The Mills County segment does not cross any county roads but does cross the Colorado River – an important waterway.

Without having access to view the right of way I don't know if the track, cross ties and ballast remain or have already been removed – nor do I know the condition of culverts, if any; where the road bed crosses seasonal drainageways or, and most importantly, the trestle across the Colorado River.

With those caveats, we have no objection to the abandonment as long as it includes the removal of the trestle across the Colorado River, is done in compliance with State and Federal regulations, does not create access problems or livestock control issues. We assume the abandonment includes the removal of the trestle from the river- If not we will actively object to the abandonment.

Mills County does not agree to be the subsequent owner of the right of way or any improvements, equipment or materials left in it. We are very concerned about the bridge across the Colorado River and ask that its removal be part of any abandonment as, unused and unmaintained, the trestle becomes an attractive nuisance, has no productive use other than as a railroad bridge and will create a flooding danger to both upstream and downstream property in the periodic flooding of the Colorado River.

I am not aware of environmental or endangered species issues in that segment of Mills County other than bald eagles which are known to nest along the Colorado River. The area around the river crossing is likely both flood plain and wetlands. The river valley is a flyway for migratory birds.

Mills County requests permission and instruction on how best to enter the rail ROW for inspection purposes relating to the following:

- Potential impact on runoff
- Possible fencing and gate requirements to restore the right of way to the surrounding agricultural uses.
- Condition of the river crossing and headwalls if any
- Other issues that may come to light with an inspection

Please keep Mills County notified of scheduled hearings and send copies of or links to all relevant materials.

Sincerely,

Ed Smith

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Appendix C:

-Concho Valley Council of Governments Correspondence

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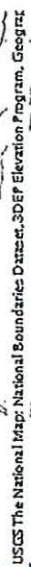


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Appendix C-1:

-Concho Valley Council of Governments' Declination of Participation



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June 6, 2019

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RE: Proposed Abandonment – In McCulloch, San-Saba, Mills and Lampasas Counties, Texas

Thank you for contacting the Concho Valley Council of Governments (CVCOG) regarding Review and Comment under Federal Executive Order 12372 (EO 12372).

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For those funding entities that still require compliance with EO 12372, this letter will demonstrate your compliance with that obligation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,


Tracy Ogle
Director of Administration

cc: TRACS File

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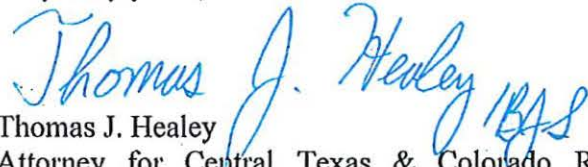
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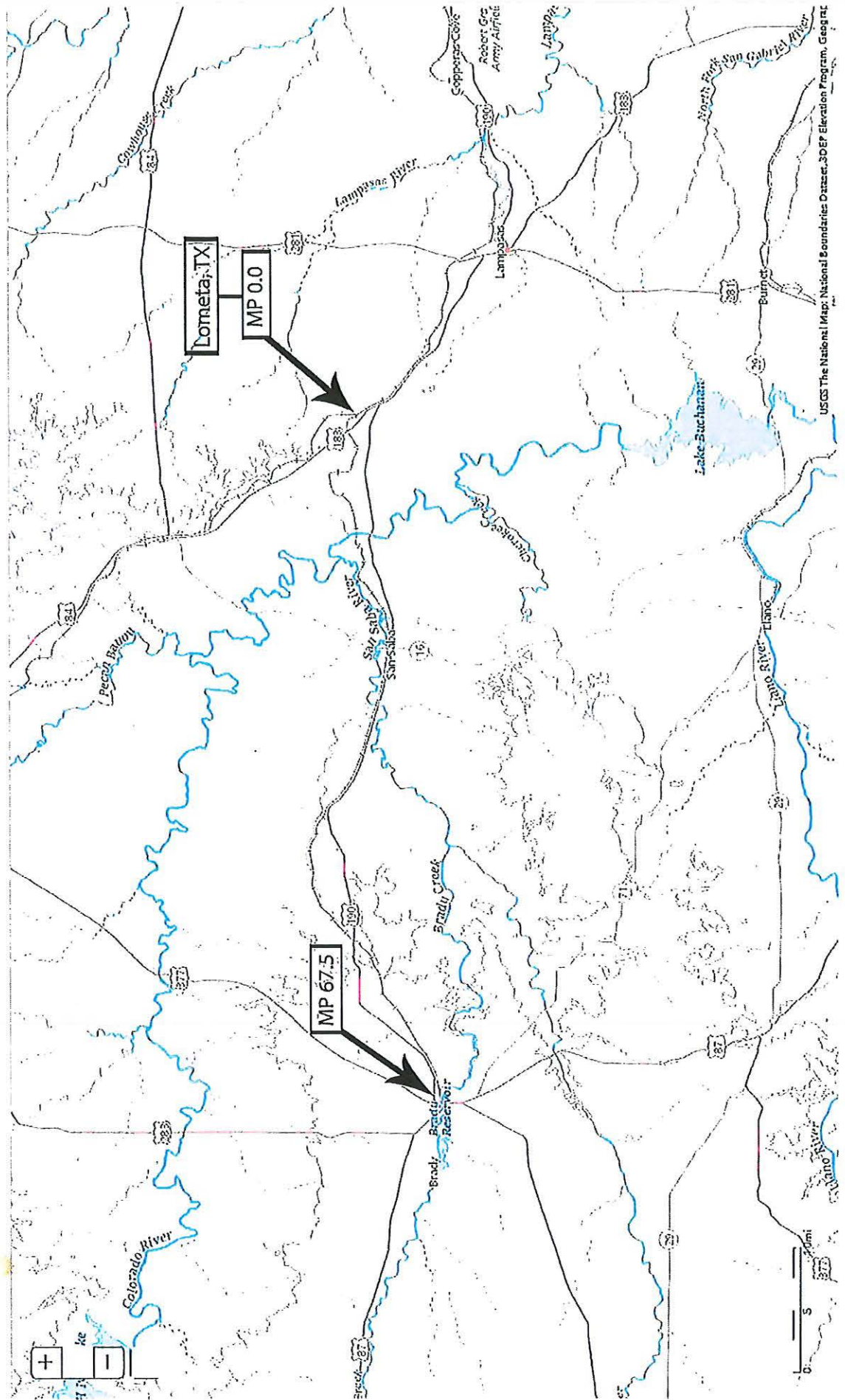
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Dear Mr. Healey,

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As requested, we have reviewed the matter and offer the following comments:

- The rail line, being proposed for abandonment, has moved on average 2,270 carloads a year from 2013 to 2017. Loss of this transportation mode could adversely impact the industries using this line by forcing them to ship their products by truck, or not at all. An increase in truck traffic could in turn negatively impact the region's roadway network. Furthermore, a loss of this rail service could negatively impact future opportunities for the region to expand or attract new industry.
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If you have additional questions or would like to like to further discuss this matter, please contact me at (512) 416-2056 or Peter.Espy@txdot.gov.

Sincerely,



Peter Espy
Rail Division Director

cc: Marc D. Williams, P.E., Deputy Executive Director, TxDOT
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- National Geodetic Survey Correspondence

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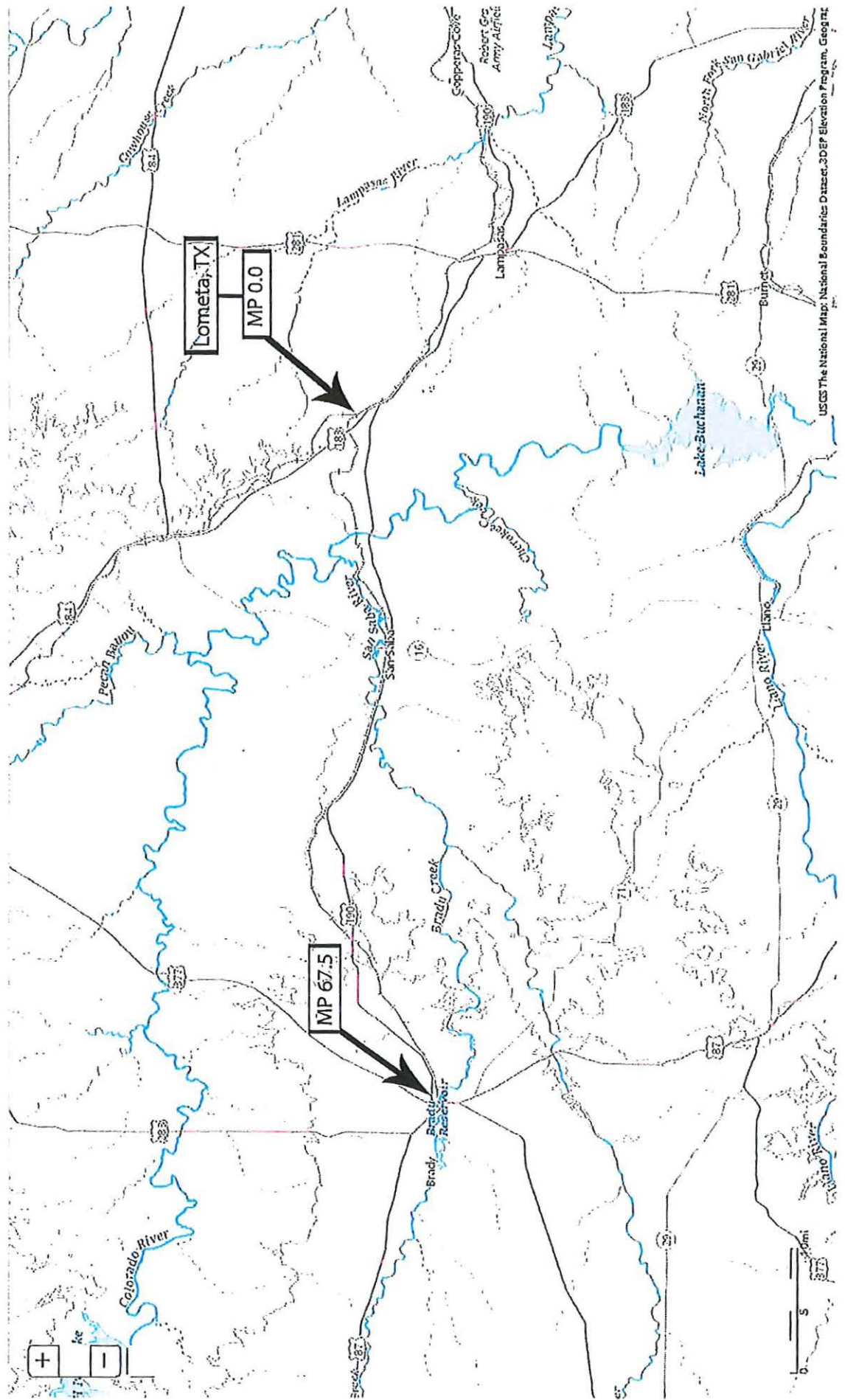
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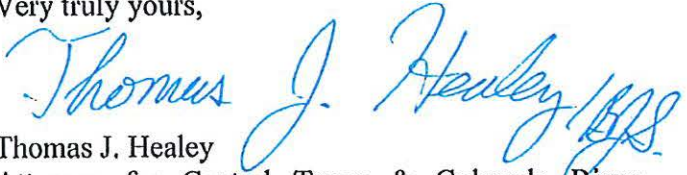
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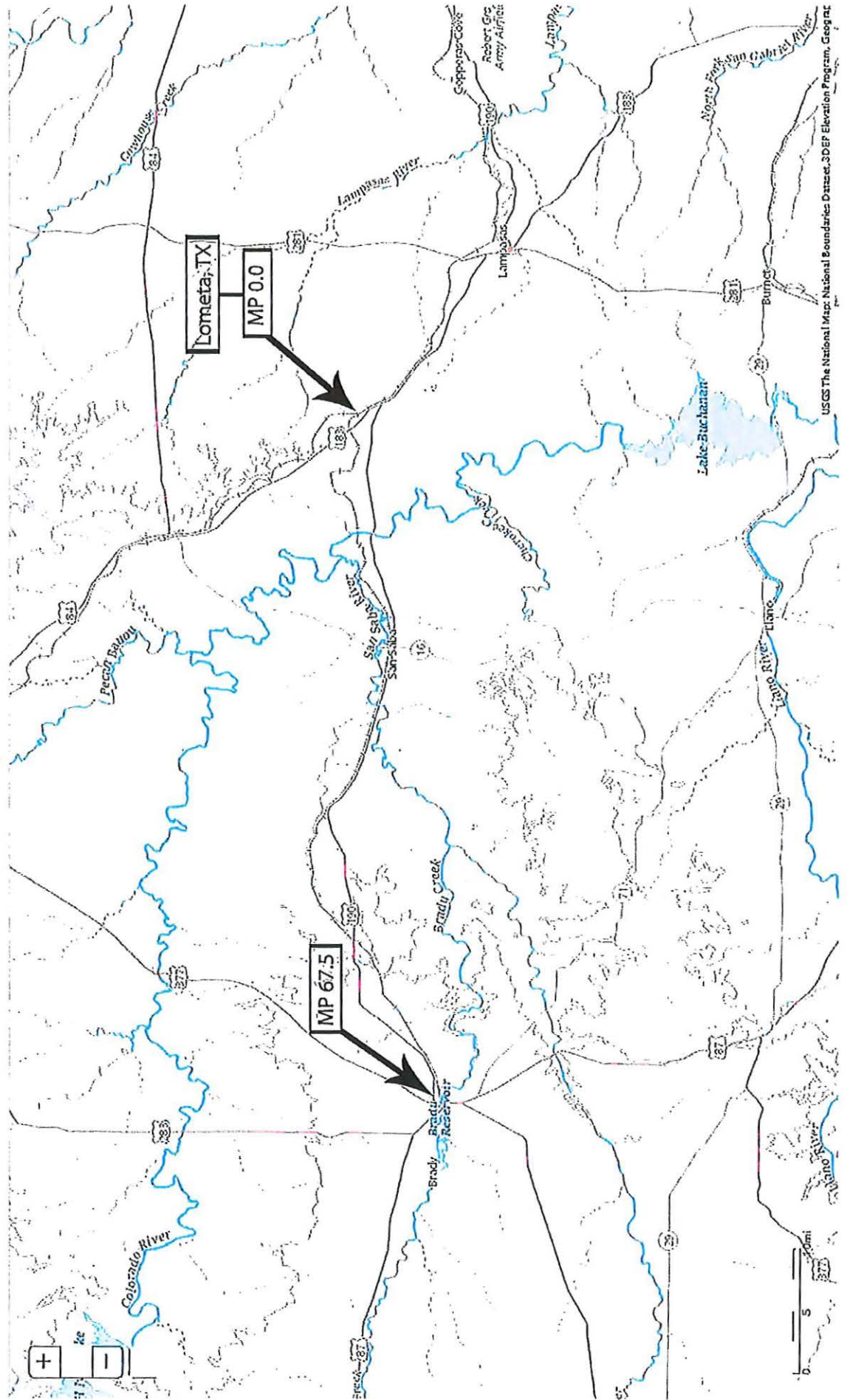
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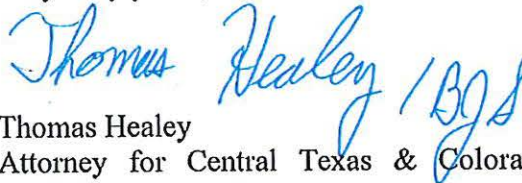
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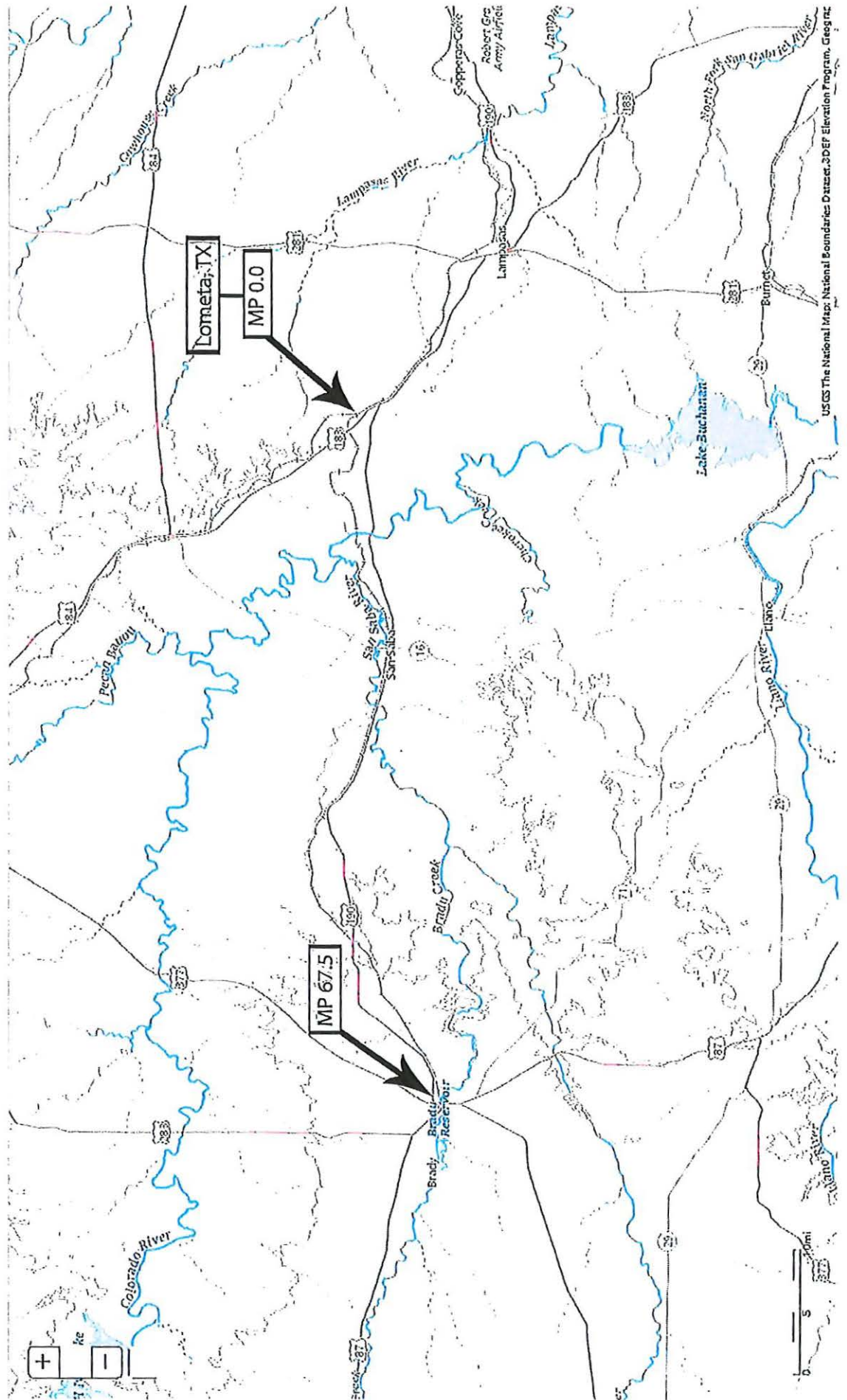
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TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE
GEORGE P. BUSH, COMMISSIONER

July 29, 2019

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Washington, DC 20423-0001

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CMP#: 19-1380-F5**

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It has been determined that the project referenced above is outside the Texas Coastal Management Program (CMP) boundary. Therefore, it is not subject to consistency review under the Texas CMP.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (409) 741-4057 or at federal.consistency@glo.texas.gov

Sincerely,

Allison Buchtien
Natural Resource Specialist
Texas General Land Office

CC: Thomas J. Healy, Fletcher & Sippel LLC

**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**DOCKET NO. AB-1272X
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Appendix H:

-United States Environmental Protection Agency Correspondence

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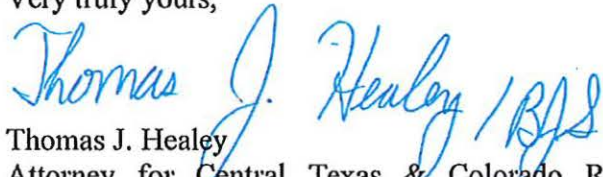
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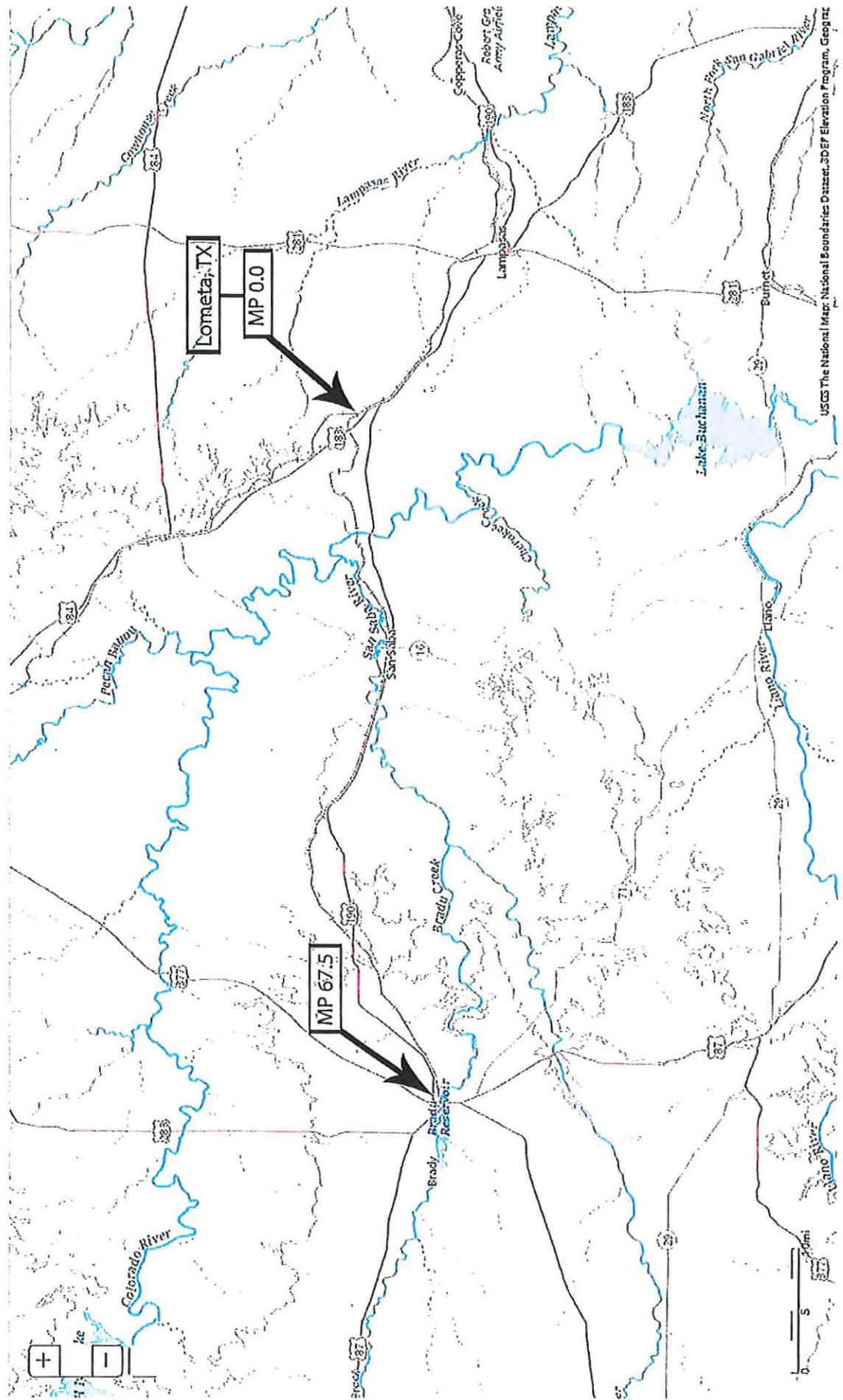
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Appendix I:

- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Correspondence

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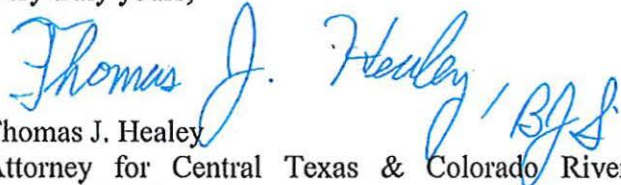
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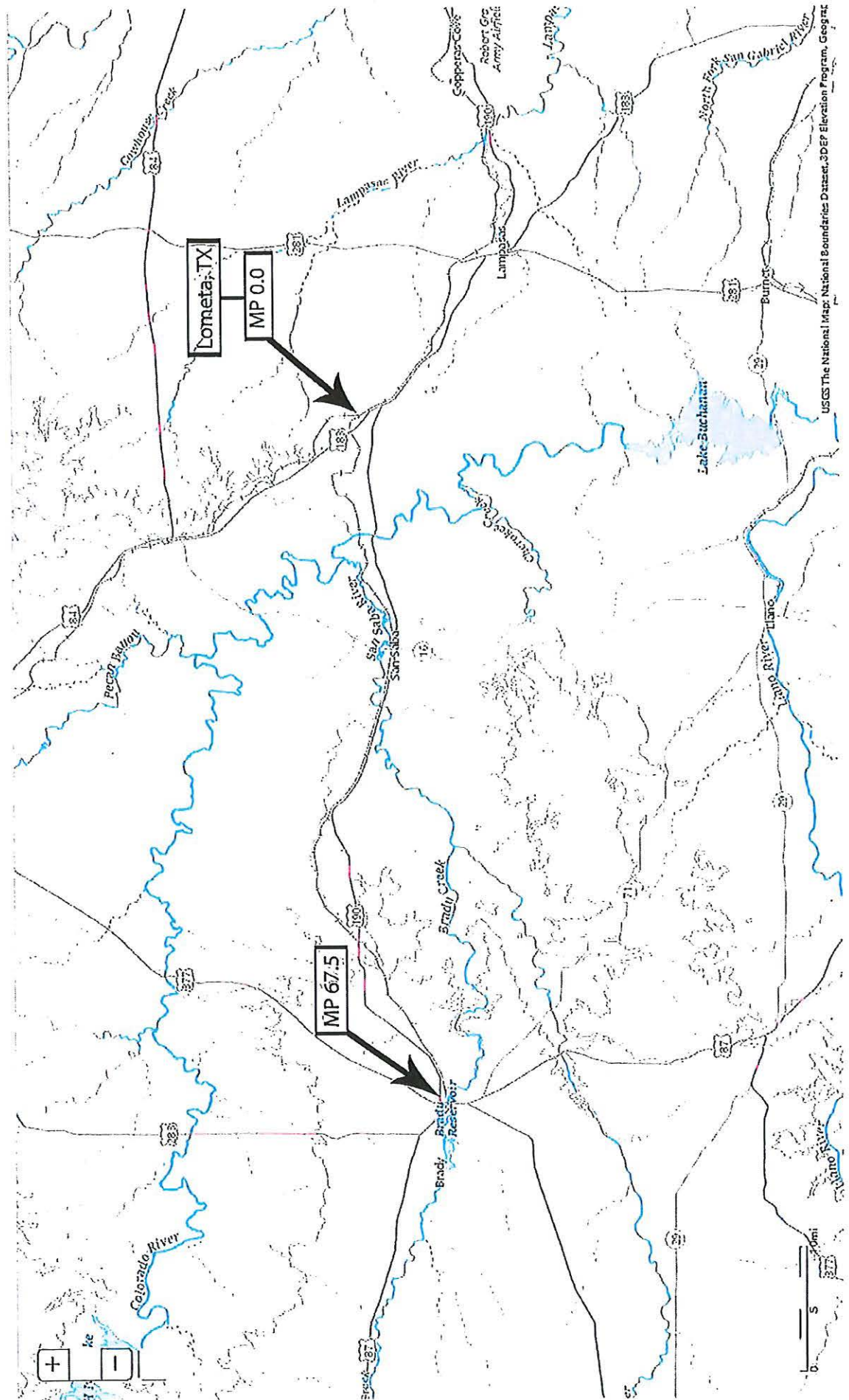
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Appendix I-1:

-Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Responses



TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

June 21, 2019

Thomas Healey
Attorney
Central Texas & Colorado River Railway LLC
29 North Wacker Drive Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Via: Mail

Re: TCEQ NEPA Request #2019-158. Abandonment of 67.5 miles of Railroad. San Saba, McCulloch, Mills and Lampasas Counties.

Dear Mr. Healey,

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has reviewed the above-referenced project and offers the following comments:

In accordance with the General Conformity regulations in 40 CFR Part 93, this proposed action was reviewed for air quality impact. The proposed action is located in San Saba, McCulloch, Mills and Lampasas Counties., which is currently designated as attainment/unclassified for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for all six criteria air pollutants. General conformity requirements do not apply.

The Office of Water does not anticipate significant long term environmental impacts from this project as long as construction and waste disposal activities associated with it are completed in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal environmental permits, statutes, and regulations. We recommend that the applicant take necessary steps to ensure that best management practices are used to control runoff from construction sites to prevent detrimental impact to surface and ground water.

Any debris or waste disposal should be at an appropriately authorized disposal facility.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions, please contact the agency NEPA coordinator at (512) 239-3500 or NEPA@tceq.texas.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Vise".

Ryan Vise,
Division Director
External Relations

Jon Niermann, *Chairman*
Emily Lindley, *Commissioner*
Toby Baker, *Executive Director*



TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

August 7, 2019

Thomas J. Healey
Surface Transportation Board
Office of Environmental Analysis
395 E Street, S.W. Room 1106
Washington, DC 20423

Via: E-Mail

Re: TCEQ NEPA Request #2019-205. Proposed railroad abandonment from Lometa to Brady (67.5 miles) McCullough, San Saba, Mills and Lampasas Counties.

Dear Mr. Healey,

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has reviewed the above-referenced project and offers the following comments:

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We are in support of the project. The environmental assessment addresses issues related to surface and groundwater quality.

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Appendix J:

- United States Fish and Wildlife Service Correspondence

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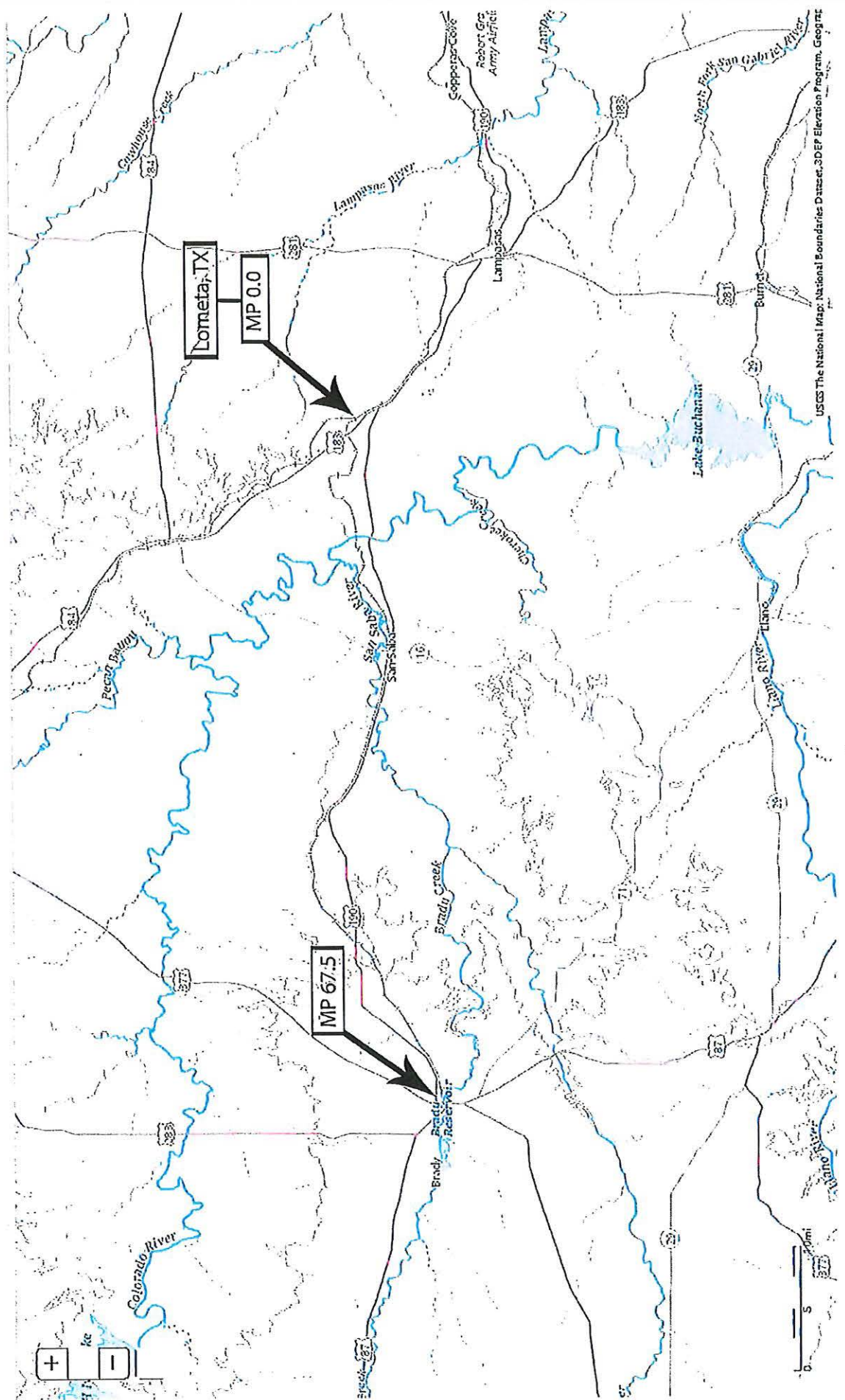
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Appendix K:

- National Park Service Correspondence

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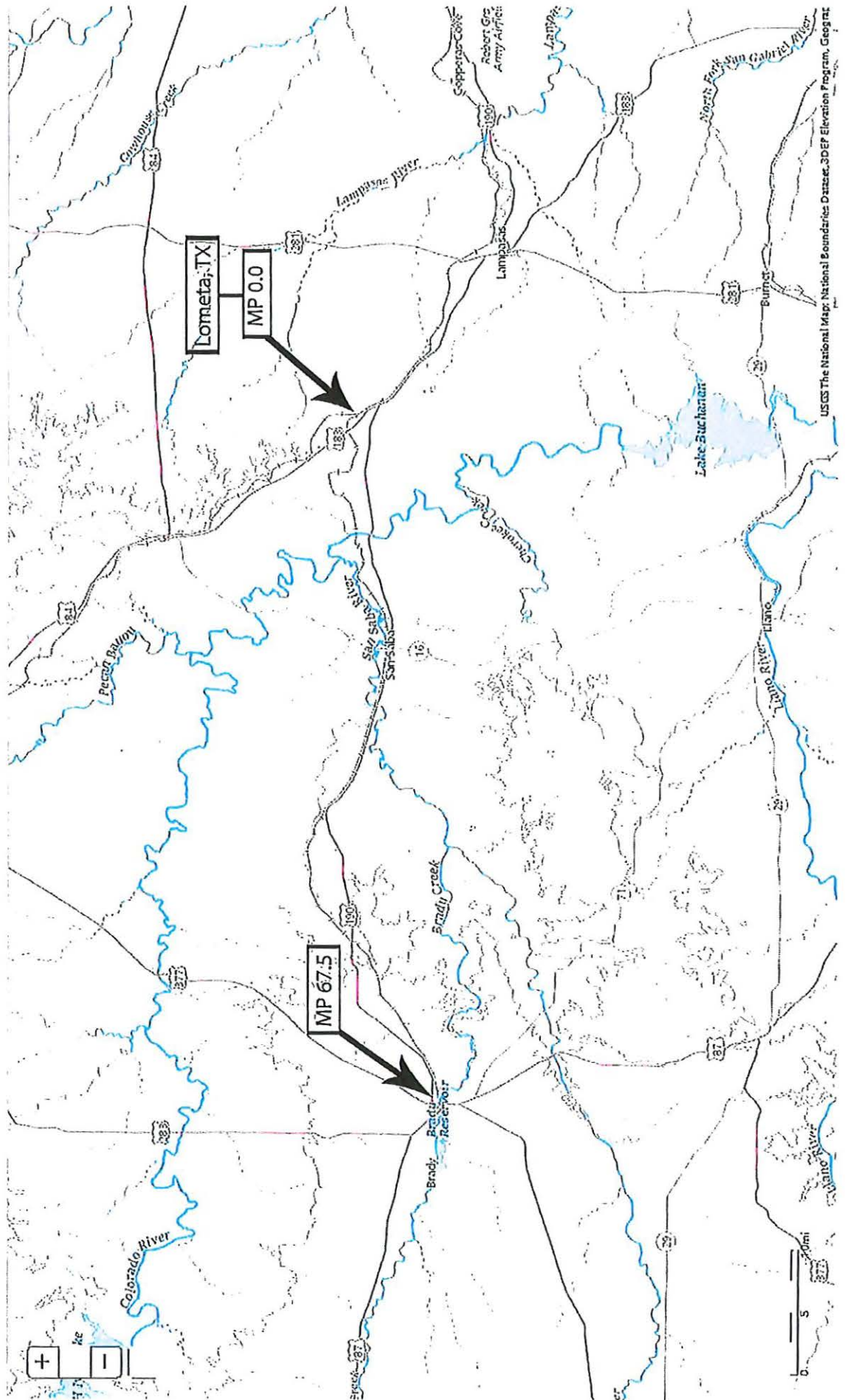
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Appendix L:

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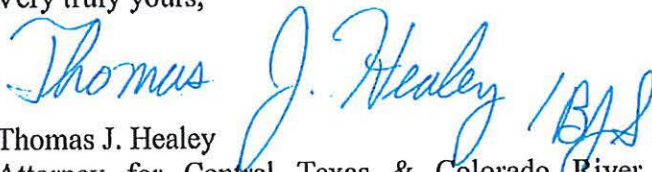
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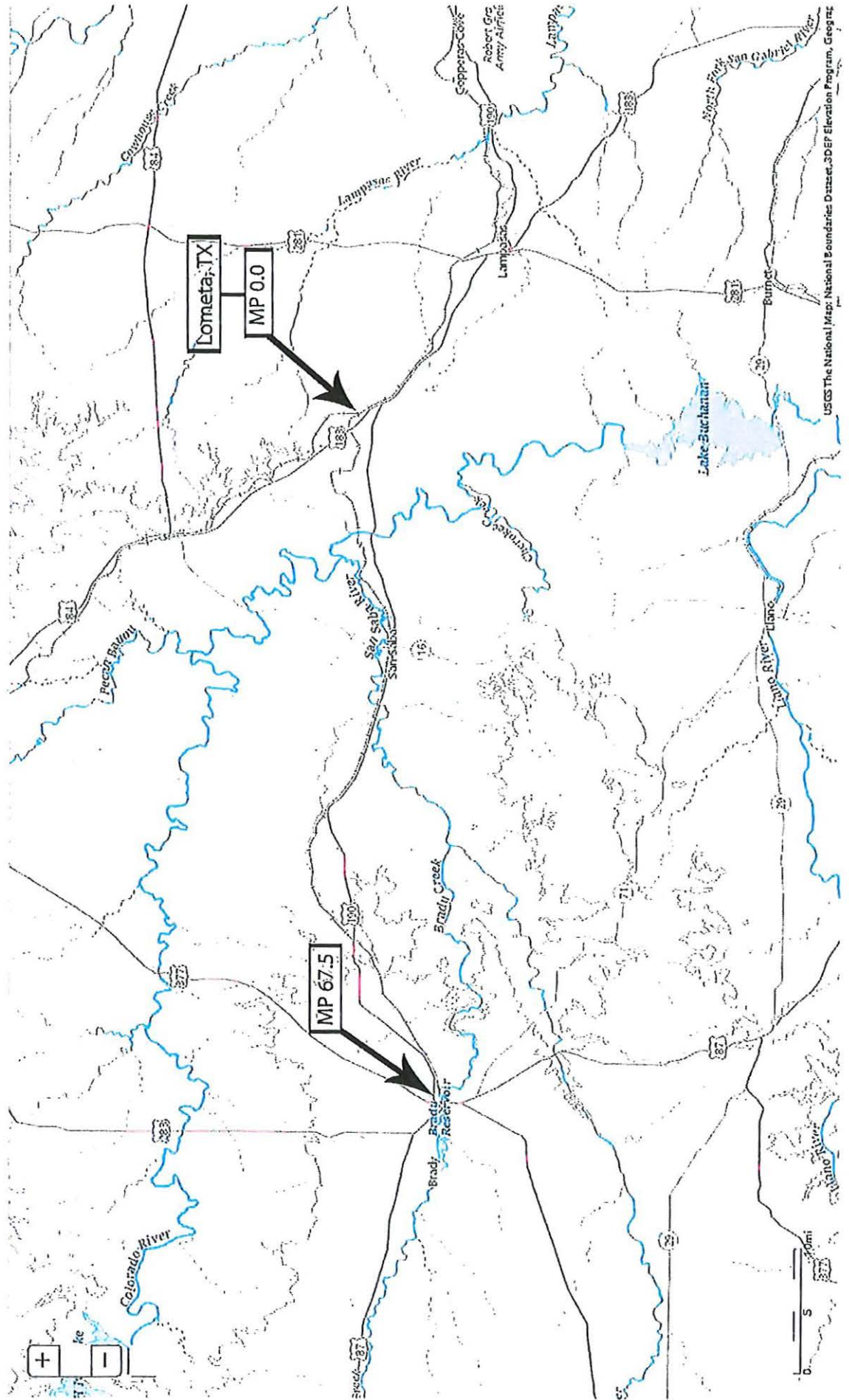
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Appendix L-1:

- United States Army Corps of Engineers Acknowledgement



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, FORT WORTH DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 17300
FORT WORTH, TX 76102-0300

August 2, 2019

Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Project Number SWF-2019-00274, Abandonment Exemption in McCulloch, San Saba, Mills, and Lampasas Counties, Texas

Mr. Thomas Healey
Fletcher & Sippel LLC Attorneys at Law
29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois 60606-3208

Dear Mr. Healey:

Thank you for your letter received August 1, 2019, concerning a proposal by Central Texas & Colorado River Railway, LLC to abandon approximately 67.5 miles of railroad from MP 0.0 to MP 67.5 located in McCulloch, San Saba, Mills and Lampasas Counties, Texas. Ms. Katie Roeder has been assigned as the regulatory project manager. The project has been assigned Project Number SWF-2019-00274, please include this number in all future correspondence concerning this project.

Ms. Katie Roeder has been assigned as the regulatory project manager for your request and will be evaluating it as expeditiously as possible.

You may be contacted for additional information about your request. For your information, please reference the Fort Worth District Regulatory Division homepage at www.swf.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory and particularly guidance on submittals at www.media.swf.usace.army.mil/pubdata/enviro/regulatory/introduction/submittal.pdf and mitigation at www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Permitting/Mitigation that may help you supplement your current request or prepare future requests.

If you have any questions about the evaluation of your submittal or would like to request a copy of one of the documents referenced above, please refer to our website at <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory> or contact Ms. Katie Roeder at the address above or telephone (817) 886-1740 and refer to your assigned project number. Please note that it is unlawful to start work without a Department of the Army permit if one is required.

Please help the regulatory program improve its service by completing the survey on the following website: http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm_apex/f?p=regulatory_survey

Stephen L Brooks
Chief, Regulatory Division

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Appendix M:

- Inventory of Historic Track Structures

Docket No. AB-1272X, Central Texas & Colorado River Railway, LLC—Proposed Abandonment—In McCulloch, San-Saba, Mills, and Bridge Inventory

Line/Subdivision	Bridge Number	Section Number	Mile Post	Town/Station	State	Super Structure Type	Sub Structure Type	NO Spans	NO Tracks	Section Length	Avg. Span Length	Max. Height Est.	Deck Type	Year Const.	Feature Crossed	Latitude Longitude
Main Line	1.2	1	1.2	Lometa	TX	Rail Span	Timber	13	1	182	14	43	Open		Ditch	N 31 14.040 W 98 24.180
Main Line	2.0	1	2.0	Lometa	TX	ODPT	Timber	6	1	84	14	16	Open		Ditch	N 31 14.640 W 98 24.600
Main Line	2.3	1	2.3	Lometa	TX	Rail Span	Timber	4	1	56	14	15	Open		Ditch	N 31 14.700 W 98 24.960
Main Line	2.6	1	2.6	Lometa	TX	Rail Span	Timber	5	1	70	14	16	Open		Ditch	N 31 14.700 W 98 25.260
Main Line	3.2	1	3.2	Lometa	TX	ODPT	Timber	7	1	84	12	23	Open		Ditch	N 31 14.580 W 98 25.740
Main Line	3.7	1	3.7	Lometa	TX	Rail Span	Timber	4	1	56	14	12	Open		Ditch	N 31 14.340 W 98 26.280
Main Line	4.5	1	4.5	Lometa	TX	Archway	Concrete	1	1	6	6	7	Ballast		Cattle Pass	N 31 14.040 W 98 26.940
Main Line	5.9	1	5.9	Lometa	TX	Rail Span	Timber	5	1	70	14	13	Open		Ditch	N 31 14.400 W 98 28.260
Main Line	6.8	1	6.8	Lometa	TX	Rail Span	Timber	8	1	112	14	24	Open		Creek	N 31 14.880 W 98 28.800
Main Line	7.8	1	7.8	Lometa	TX	Rail Span	Timber	26	1	364	14	32	Open		Creek	N 31 15.720 W 98 28.860
Main Line	8.1	1	8.1	Lometa	TX	Rail Span	Timber	7	1	98	14	0	Open		Ditch	N 31 15.960 W 98 28.980
Main Line	8.6	1	8.6	Lometa	TX	Rail Span	Timber	6	1	84	14	18	Open		Ditch	N 31 15.960 W 98 29.520
Main Line	9.2	1	9.2	Lometa	TX	Beam Span	Steel	15	1	210	14	20	Open	2008	Pasture	N 31 15.840 W 98 30.060
Main Line	9.6	1	9.6	Lometa	TX	ODPT	Timber	5	1	70	14	13	Open		Ditch	N 31 15.720 W 98 30.420
Main Line	13.3	1	13.3	Lometa	TX	Archway	Concrete	1	1	4	4	6	Ballast		Ditch	N 31 14.160 W 98 33.300
Main Line	13.7	4	13.7	San Saba	TX	Concrete Tubs	Steel	23	1	700	30	60	Ballast	2014-2015	Colorado River	N 31 14.100 W 98 33.720
Main Line	14.4	1	14.4	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	7	1	98	14	19	Open		Dry Creek Bed	N 31 14.160 W 98 34.380
Main Line	15.1	1	15.1	San Saba	TX	Wooden Box Culvert		2	1	10	5	5	Ballast		Ditch	N 31 13.800 W 98 34.860
Main Line	15.5	1	15.5	San Saba	TX	Archway	Concrete	1	1	4	4	6	Ballast		Cattle Pass	N 31 13.740 W 98 35.280
Main Line	15.9	1	15.9	San Saba	TX	Archway	Concrete	1	1	6	6	7	Ballast		Ditch	N 31 13.680 W 98 35.640
Main Line	16.4	1	16.4	San Saba	TX	Beam Span/Rail Span	Steel	6	1	84	14	13	Ballast		Dry Creek Bed	N 31 13.560 W 98 36.000
Main Line	16.7	1	16.7	San Saba	TX	Archway	Concrete	1	1	8	8	9	Ballast		Cattle Pass	N 31 13.620 W 98 36.300
Main Line	17.2	1	17.2	San Saba	TX	Archway	Concrete	1	1	6	6	6	Ballast		Cattle Pass	N 31 13.860 W 98 36.720
Main Line	17.7	1	17.7	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	3	1	42	14	8.5	Open		Farm Trail	N 31 14.040 W 98 37.260
Main Line	18.1	1	18.1	San Saba	TX	Archway	Concrete	1	1	4	4	5	Ballast		Cattle Pass	N 31 13.800 W 98 37.680
Main Line	18.4	1	18.4	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	7	1	98	14	12	Open		County Road 128	N 31 13.680 W 98 37.740
Main Line	19.2	1	19.2	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	3	1	42	14	3	Open		Ditch	N 31 13.200 W 98 38.400
Main Line	19.9	1	19.9	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	8	1	112	14	12.5	Open		Ditch	N 31 12.900 W 98 38.940

Main Line	21.5	1	21.5	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	7	1	98	14	15	Open		Ditch	N 31 12.120 W 98 40.260
Main Line	21.7	1	21.7	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	22	1	308	14	32	Open		Ditch	N 31 12.120 W 98 40.500
Main Line	23.3	1	23.3	San Saba	WI	Archway	Concrete	1	1	6	6	7	Ballast		Ditch	N 31 11.820 W 98 42.120
Main Line	23.5	1	23.5	San Saba	TX	ODPT/ODFT	Timber	9	1	126	14	18	Open		Road	N 31 11.820 W 98 42.360
Main Line	23.8	1	23.8	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	12	1	168	14	29	Open		San Saba River	N 31 11.880 W 98 42.660
Main Line	24.2	3	24.2	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	2	1	28	14	9	Open		N. Live Oak Street	N 31 11.880 W 98 42.960
Main Line	24.3	1	24.3	San Saba	TX	Beam Span	Concrete/ Timber	2	1	60	30	16	Open		North High Street	N 31 11.940 W 98 43.080
Main Line	25.4	1	25.4	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	8	1	112	14	10	Open		China Creek Road	N 31 12.060 W 98 44.220
Main Line	26.4	1	26.4	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	5	1	70	14	8	Open		Ditch	N 31 12.240 W 98 45.240
Main Line	27.1	1	27.1	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	4	1	56	14	8.5	Open		Ditch	N 31 12.300 W 98 45.840
Main Line	27.3	1	27.3	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	12	1	168	14	12	Open		Ditch	N 31 12.360 W 98 46.140
Main Line	28.4	1	28.4	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	36	1	504	14	20	Open		Ditch	N 31 12.540 W 98 47.220
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Main Line	33.4	1	33.4	Richland Springs	TX	ODPT	Timber	3	1	42	14	2	Open		Creek	N 31 13.740 W 98 52.020
Main Line	34.3	1	34.3	Richland Springs	TX	Archway	Concrete	1	1	6	6	7	Ballast		Cattle Pass	N 31 14.040 W 98 52.920
Main Line	35.2	1	35.2	Richland Springs	TX	ODPT	Timber	8	1	112	14	16	Open		Ditch	N 31 14.340 W 98 53.700
Main Line	35.9	1	35.9	Richland Springs	TX	ODPT	Timber	5	1	70	14	10	Open		Ditch	N 31 14.700 W 98 54.360
Main Line	36.3	1	36.3	Richland Springs	TX	ODPT	Timber	9	1	126	14	24	Open		Ditch	N 31 14.520 W 98 54.720
Main Line	36.5	1	36.5	Richland Springs	TX	ODPT/Beam Span	Timber	6	1	84	14	15	Open	1924	Farm Road	N 31 15.000 W 98 54.900
Main Line	37.15	1	37.15	Richland Springs	TX	Wooden Box Culvert		3	1	15	5	2.5	Ballast		Ditch	N 31 15.300 W 98 55.380
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Main Line	38.8	1	38.8	Richland Springs	TX	Rail Span	Timber/ Steel	10	1	140	14	12	Open		Ditch	N 31 16.320 W 98 56.520
Main Line	39.2	1	39.2	Richland Springs	TX	ODPT	Timber	4	1	56	14	5	Open		Ditch	N 31 16.500 W 98 56.880
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Main Line	40.4	1	40.4	Richland Springs	TX	ODPT	Timber	7	1	98	14	10	Open		Ditch	N 31 17.040 W 98 57.900
Main Line	40.8	1	40.8	Richland Springs	TX	Wooden Box Culvert		2	1	10	5	4	Ballast		Ditch	N 31 17.040 W 98 58.200
Main Line	41.2	1	41.2	Richland Springs	TX	ODPT	Timber	6	1	84	14	14	Open		Ditch	N 31 17.160 W 98 58.620
Main Line	41.4	1	41.4	Richland Springs	TX	ODPT	Timber	4	1	56	14	10	Open		Ditch	N 31 17.280 W 98 58.800
Main Line	41.7	1	41.7	Richland Springs	TX	ODPT	Timber	12	1	168	14	12	Open		Ditch	N 31 17.400 W 98 59.040
Main Line	42.4	1	42.4	Richland Springs	TX	Wooden Box Culvert		2	1	10	5	3	Ballast		Ditch	N 31 17.520 W 98 59.700

Main Line	43.0	1	43.0	Richland Springs	TX	ODPT	Timber	5	1	70	14	5.5	Open		Ditch	N 31 17.460 W 99 0.300
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Main Line	44.4	3	44.4	Richland Springs	TX	ODPT	Timber	8	1	112	14	17	Open		Ditch	N 31 17.280 W 99 1.800
Main Line	44.7	1	44.7	Richland Springs	TX	Wooden Box Culvert		2	1	10	5	3	Ballast		Ditch	N 31 17.340 W 99 2.040
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Main Line	46.9	1	46.9	Richland Springs	TX	Rail Span	Timber	13	1	182	14	21	Open		Pasture	N 31 16.740 W 99 4.140
Main Line	47.3	1	47.3	Richland Springs	TX	ODPT	Timber	3	1	42	14	9	Open		Ditch	N 31 16.500 W 99 4.440
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Main Line	53.1	1	53.1	East Sweden	TX	Wooden Box Culvert		2	1	8	4	4	Ballast		Ditch	N 31 13.080 W 99 8.700
Main Line	53.5	1	53.5	East Sweden	TX	Wood Box Culvert		2	1	8	4	4	Ballast		Ditch	N 31 12.960 W 99 9.120
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Main Line	55.7	1	55.7	East Sweden	TX	ODPT	Timber	12	1	168	14	16	Open	1934	Pasture	N 31 12.420 W 99 11.100
Main Line	56.7	1	56.7	East Sweden	TX	ODFT	Timber	4	1	56	14	6	Open	1933	Ditch	N 31 11.880 W 99 11.880
Main Line	58.5	1	58.5	East Sweden	TX	Beam Span	Timber	7	1	98	14	10.5	Open		Pasture	N 31 10.920 W 99 13.380
Main Line	59.1	1	59.1	East Sweden	TX	ODPT	Timber	14	1	196	14	16	Open	1925	Pasture	N 31 10.680 W 99 13.800
Main Line	59.3	1	59.3	East Sweden	TX	ODPT/ODFT	Timber	11	1	154	14	12	Open		Pasture	N 31 10.560 W 99 14.100
Main Line	59.7	1	59.7	East Sweden	TX	ODPT	Timber	6	1	84	14	6	Open		Farm Road	N 31 10.440 W 99 14.400
Main Line	61.3	1	61.3	East Sweden	TX	ODPT	Timber	6	1	84	14	9	Open		Ditch	N 31 9.720 W 99 15.840
Main Line	61.9	1	61.9	East Sweden	TX	ODPT	Timber	7	1	98	14	7	Open		Ditch	N 31 9.480 W 99 16.260
Main Line	62.5	1	62.5	East Sweden	TX	ODPT	Timber	5	1	70	14	9	Open		Ditch	N 31 9.180 W 99 16.860
Main Line	64.0	1	64.0	Brady	TX	ODPT	Timber	4	1	56	14	6	Open		Ditch	N 31 8.580 W 99 18.180
Main Line	65.0	1	65.0	Brady	TX	ODPT/ODFT	Timber	6	1	84	14	15	Open		Ditch	N 31 8.400 W 99 19.140
Main Line	65.4	1	65.4	Brady	TX	ODPT	Timber	10	1	140	14	34	Open		Ditch	N 31 8.340 W 99 19.620

Main Line	66.4 Main	1	66.4	Brady	TX	ODPT	Timber	11	1	154	14	30	Open		Ditch	N 31 8.340 W 99 20.520
Main Line	66.4 Siding	1	66.4	Brady	TX	ODPT	Timber	11	1	154	14	27	Open		Ditch	N 31 8.340 W 99 20.520
Sandhole Spur	0.2	1	0.2	Brady	TX	ODPT	Timber	10	1	140	14	25	Open		Ditch	N 31 8.340 W 99 19.620
Sandhole Spur	0.4	1	0.4	Brady	TX	ODPT	Timber	6	1	78	13	30	Open	1951	Road	N 31 8.100 W 99 19.500
Sandhole Spur	0.4	2	0.4	Brady	TX	DPG	Concrete	2	1	190	95	30	Open		Highway and River	N 31 8.100 W 99 19.500
Sandhole Spur	0.4	3	0.4	Brady	TX	ODPT	Timber	4	1	52	13	30	Open		Water	N 31 8.100 W 99 19.500
Sandhole Spur	Haller Phillips	1	1.0	Brady	TX	ODPT	Timber	1	1	11	11	2	Open		Ditch	N 31 7.860 W 99 19.500
Sandhole Spur	11th Street	1	2.0	Brady	TX	ODPT/Beam Span	Timber	7	1	91	13	15	Open		Ditch	N 31 7.260 W 99 19.500
Sandhole Spur (Out of Service)	3.5	1	3.5	Brady	TX	ODPT	Timber	8	1	112	14	15	Open		Stream	N 31 6.3383 W 99 19.4499

**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**DOCKET NO. AB-1272X
CENTRAL TEXAS & COLORADO RIVER RAILWAY, LLC
– ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION –
IN MCCULLOCH, SAN SABA, MILLS AND LAMPASAS COUNTIES, TEXAS**

Appendix N:

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Re: **Docket No. AB-1272X**
Central Texas & Colorado River Railway, LLC—Proposed
Abandonment—In McCulloch, San-Saba, Mills, and Lampasas
Counties, Texas

Dear Mr. Kockritz:

Central Texas & Colorado River Railway, LLC ("CTXR") is planning to file a petition for exemption with the Surface Transportation Board ("the Board") to abandon approximately 67.5 miles of railroad from milepost 0.0 at Lometa, Texas, to milepost 67.5 at Brady, Texas ("the Line"). A map showing the location of the Line is enclosed for your reference.

In accordance with the Board's environmental and historic preservation regulations, 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8, we are advising you of the proposed abandonment of the Line so that you may determine whether this action will have any effect on any historic structures or sites. Attached is an inventory of bridges based on information within CTXR's possession. There appears to be one building erected more than 50 years ago: 504 N Bridge Street, Brady, Texas, 76925; photos are enclosed.

We would appreciate your review of the proposed action and provision of any comments you may have in a written response as soon as possible. Any written comments should reference Docket No. AB-1272X and be sent to the undersigned, as counsel for CTXR.

FLETCHER & SIPPEL LLC

Mr. Justin Kockritz
May 31, 2019
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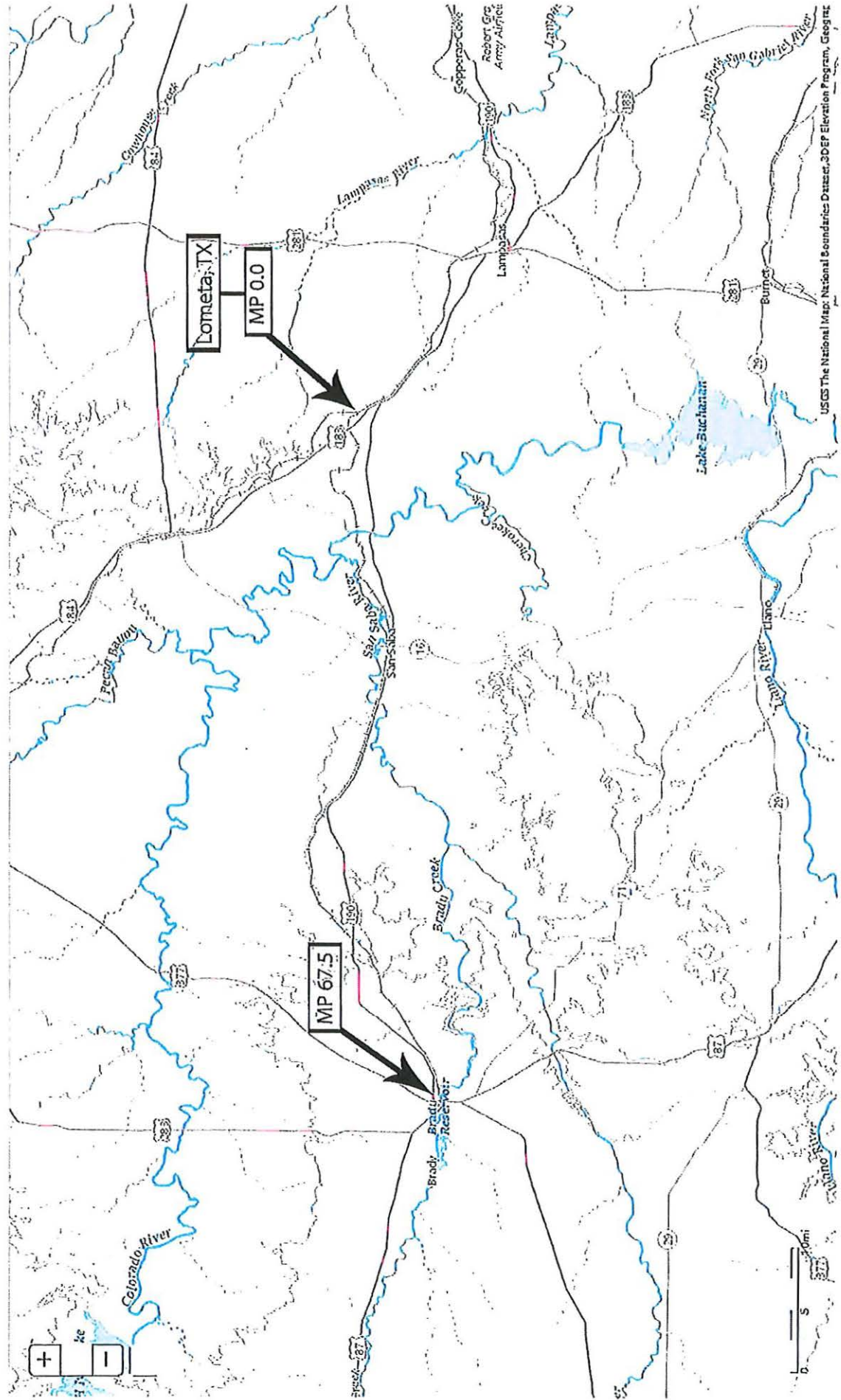
In accordance with the Board's regulations, a copy of the Environmental/Historic Report prepared in connection with this abandonment will be forwarded to you at least twenty days before CTXR's petition for exemption is filed at the Board. If you have any questions or need additional information in the meantime, please feel free to contact me at 312-252-1500. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Very truly yours,


Thomas J. Healey
Attorney for Central Texas & Colorado River
Railway, LLC

Enclosures

Docket No. AB – 1272X
 Central Texas & Colorado River Railway, LLC
 - Proposed Abandonment -
 In McCulloch, San Saba, Mills and Lampasas Counties, Texas.



Docket No. AB-1272X, Central Texas & Colorado River Railway, LLC—Proposed Abandonment—In McCulloch, San-Saba, Mills, and Bridge Inventory

Line/Subdivision	Bridge Number	Section Number	Mile Post	Town/Station	State	Super Structure Type	Sub Structure Type	NO Spans	NO Tracks	Section Length	Avg. Span Length	Max. Height Est.	Deck Type	Year Const.	Feature Crossed	Latitude Longitude
Main Line	1.2	1	1.2	Lometa	TX	Rail Span	Timber	13	1	182	14	43	Open		Ditch	N 31 14.040 W 08 24.180
Main Line	2.0	1	2.0	Lometa	TX	ODPT	Timber	6	1	84	14	16	Open		Ditch	N 31 14.640 W 08 24.600
Main Line	2.3	1	2.3	Lometa	TX	Rail Span	Timber	4	1	56	14	15	Open		Ditch	N 31 14.700 W 08 24.960
Main Line	2.6	1	2.6	Lometa	TX	Rail Span	Timber	5	1	70	14	16	Open		Ditch	N 31 14.700 W 08 25.260
Main Line	3.2	1	3.2	Lometa	TX	ODPT	Timber	7	1	84	12	23	Open		Ditch	N 31 14.580 W 08 25.740
Main Line	3.7	1	3.7	Lometa	TX	Rail Span	Timber	4	1	56	14	12	Open		Ditch	N 31 14.340 W 08 26.280
Main Line	4.5	1	4.5	Lometa	TX	Archway	Concrete	1	1	6	6	7	Ballast		Cattle Pass	N 31 14.040 W 08 26.940
Main Line	5.9	1	5.9	Lometa	TX	Rail Span	Timber	5	1	70	14	13	Open		Ditch	N 31 14.400 W 08 28.260
Main Line	6.8	1	6.8	Lometa	TX	Rail Span	Timber	8	1	112	14	24	Open		Creek	N 31 14.880 W 08 28.800
Main Line	7.8	1	7.8	Lometa	TX	Rail Span	Timber	26	1	364	14	32	Open		Creek	N 31 15.730 W 08 28.860
Main Line	8.1	1	8.1	Lometa	TX	Rail Span	Timber	7	1	98	14	0	Open		Ditch	N 31 15.960 W 08 28.080
Main Line	8.6	1	8.6	Lometa	TX	Rail Span	Timber	6	1	84	14	18	Open		Ditch	N 31 15.960 W 08 29.320
Main Line	9.2	1	9.2	Lometa	TX	Beam Span	Steel	15	1	210	14	20	Open	2008	Pasture	N 31 15.840 W 08 30.060
Main Line	9.6	1	9.6	Lometa	TX	ODPT	Timber	5	1	70	14	13	Open		Ditch	N 31 15.730 W 08 30.420
Main Line	13.3	1	13.3	Lometa	TX	Archway	Concrete	1	1	4	4	6	Ballast		Ditch	N 31 14.160 W 08 33.300
Main Line	13.7	4	13.7	San Saba	TX	Concrete Tube	Steel	23	1	700	30	60	Ballast	2014-2015	Colorado River	N 31 14.100 W 08 33.720
Main Line	14.4	1	14.4	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	7	1	98	14	19	Open		Dry Creek Bed	N 31 14.160 W 08 34.380
Main Line	15.1	1	15.1	San Saba	TX	Wooden Box Culvert		2	1	10	5	5	Ballast		Ditch	N 31 13.800 W 08 34.860
Main Line	15.5	1	15.5	San Saba	TX	Archway	Concrete	1	1	4	4	6	Ballast		Cattle Pass	N 31 13.740 W 08 35.280
Main Line	15.9	1	15.9	San Saba	TX	Archway	Concrete	1	1	6	6	7	Ballast		Ditch	N 31 13.680 W 08 35.640
Main Line	16.4	1	16.4	San Saba	TX	Beam Span/Rail Span	Steel	6	1	84	14	13	Ballast		Dry Creek Bed	N 31 13.560 W 08 36.000
Main Line	16.7	1	16.7	San Saba	TX	Archway	Concrete	1	1	8	8	9	Ballast		Cattle Pass	N 31 13.620 W 08 36.300
Main Line	17.2	1	17.2	San Saba	TX	Archway	Concrete	1	1	6	6	6	Ballast		Cattle Pass	N 31 13.560 W 08 36.720
Main Line	17.7	1	17.7	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	3	1	42	14	8.5	Open		Farm Trail	N 31 14.040 W 08 37.260
Main Line	18.1	1	18.1	San Saba	TX	Archway	Concrete	1	1	4	4	5	Ballast		Cattle Pass	N 31 13.800 W 08 37.680
Main Line	18.4	1	18.4	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	7	1	98	14	12	Open		County Road 128	N 31 13.680 W 08 37.740
Main Line	19.2	1	19.2	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	3	1	42	14	3	Open		Ditch	N 31 13.200 W 08 38.400
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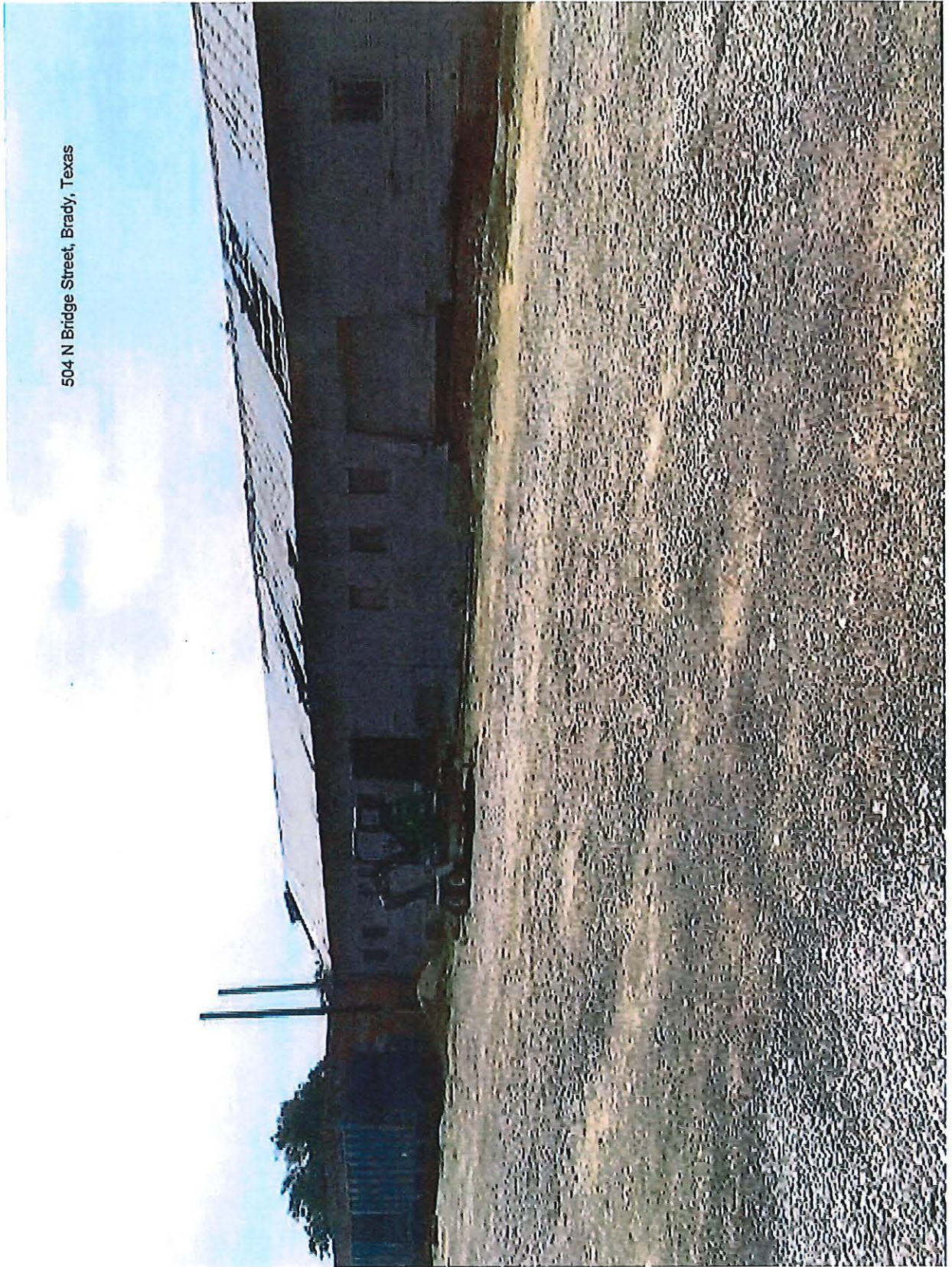
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Main Line	23.3	1	23.3	San Saba	WI	Archway	Concrete	1	1	6	6	7	Ballast		Ditch	N 31 11,820 W 98 42,120
Main Line	23.5	1	23.5	San Saba	TX	ODPT/ODFT	Timber	9	1	126	14	18	Open		Road	N 31 11,520 W 98 42,360
Main Line	23.8	1	23.8	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	12	1	168	14	29	Open		San Saba River	N 31 11,880 W 98 42,660
Main Line	24.2	3	24.2	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	2	1	28	14	9	Open		N. Live Oak Street	N 31 11,880 W 98 42,960
Main Line	24.3	1	24.3	San Saba	TX	Beam Span	Concrete/ Timber	2	1	60	30	16	Open		North High Street	N 31 11,940 W 98 43,080
Main Line	25.4	1	25.4	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	8	1	112	14	10	Open		China Creek Road	N 31 12,060 W 98 44,220
Main Line	26.4	1	26.4	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	5	1	70	14	8	Open		Ditch	N 31 12,240 W 98 45,240
Main Line	27.1	1	27.1	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	4	1	56	14	8.5	Open		Ditch	N 31 12,300 W 98 45,840
Main Line	27.3	1	27.3	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	12	1	168	14	12	Open		Ditch	N 31 12,360 W 98 46,140
Main Line	28.4	1	28.4	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	36	1	504	14	20	Open		Ditch	N 31 12,540 W 98 47,220
Main Line	29.1	3	29.1	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	49	1	686	14	18	Open		San Saba River	N 31 12,660 W 98 47,620
Main Line	29.5	1	29.5	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	15	1	210	14	13	Open		Pasture	N 31 12,840 W 98 48,300
Main Line	30.8	1	30.8	San Saba	TX	ODPT	Timber	19	1	266	14	20	Open	1929	Ditch	N 31 13,080 W 98 49,500
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Main Line	33.4	1	33.4	Richland Springs	TX	ODPT	Timber	3	1	42	14	2	Open		Creek	N 31 13,740 W 98 52,020
Main Line	34.3	1	34.3	Richland Springs	TX	Archway	Concrete	1	1	6	6	7	Ballast		Cattle Pass	N 31 14,040 W 98 52,920
Main Line	35.2	1	35.2	Richland Springs	TX	ODPT	Timber	8	1	112	14	16	Open		Ditch	N 31 14,340 W 98 53,700
Main Line	35.9	1	35.9	Richland Springs	TX	ODPT	Timber	5	1	70	14	10	Open		Ditch	N 31 14,700 W 98 54,360
Main Line	36.3	1	36.3	Richland Springs	TX	ODPT	Timber	9	1	126	14	24	Open		Ditch	N 31 14,520 W 98 54,720
Main Line	36.5	1	36.5	Richland Springs	TX	ODPT/Beam Span	Timber	6	1	84	14	15	Open	1924	Farm Road	N 31 15,000 W 98 54,900
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Main Line	38.1	1	38.1	Richland Springs	TX	Wooden Box Culvert		3	1	15	5	3	Ballast		Ditch	N 31 16,020 W 98 55,920
Main Line	38.8	1	38.8	Richland Springs	TX	Rail Span	Timber/ Steel	10	1	140	14	12	Open		Ditch	N 31 16,320 W 98 56,520
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Main Line	40.8	1	40.8	Richland Springs	TX	Wooden Box Culvert		2	1	10	5	4	Ballast		Ditch	N 31 17,040 W 98 58,200
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Main Line	42.4	1	42.4	Richland Springs	TX	Wooden Box Culvert		2	1	10	5	3	Ballast		Ditch	N 31 17,520 W 98 59,700

Main Line	43.0	1	43.0	Richland Springs	TX	ODPT	Timber	5	1	70	14	5.5	Open		Ditch	N 31 17.460 W 00 0.300
Main Line	43.6	1	43.6	Richland Springs	TX	Rail Span	Timber/ Steel	15	1	210	14	10	Open	1925	Ditch	N 31 17.340 W 00 0.060
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Main Line	50.3	1	50.3	East Sweden	TX	Rail Span	Timber	6	1	84	14	11	Open	1966	Creek	N 31 14.700 W 00 6.660
Main Line	51.2	1	51.2	East Sweden	TX	ODFT	Timber	8	1	112	14	9	Open	1933	Pasture	N 31 14.160 W 00 7.200
Main Line	51.9	1	51.9	East Sweden	TX	ODPT	Timber	4	1	56	14	8	Open		Pasture	N 31 16.680 W 00 7.680
Main Line	52.9	1	52.9	East Sweden	TX	ODPT/ODFT	Timber	5	1	70	14	10	Open		Pasture	N 31 13.140 W 00 8.520
Main Line	53.1	1	53.1	East Sweden	TX	Wooden Box Culvert		2	1	8	4	4	Ballast		Ditch	N 31 13.080 W 00 8.700
Main Line	53.5	1	53.5	East Sweden	TX	Wood Box Culvert		2	1	8	4	4	Ballast		Ditch	N 31 12.960 W 00 9.120
Main Line	54.6	1	54.6	East Sweden	TX	ODPT	Timber	12	1	168	14	11	Open	1935	Pasture	N 31 12.540 W 00 10.080
Main Line	55.7	1	55.7	East Sweden	TX	ODPT	Timber	12	1	168	14	16	Open	1934	Pasture	N 31 12.420 W 00 11.100
Main Line	56.7	1	56.7	East Sweden	TX	ODFT	Timber	4	1	56	14	6	Open	1933	Ditch	N 31 11.880 W 00 11.880
Main Line	58.5	1	58.5	East Sweden	TX	Beam Span	Timber	7	1	98	14	10.5	Open		Pasture	N 31 10.920 W 00 13.380
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Main Line	65.0	1	65.0	Brady	TX	ODPT/ODFT	Timber	6	1	84	14	15	Open		Ditch	N 31 8.400 W 00 19.140
Main Line	65.4	1	65.4	Brady	TX	ODPT	Timber	10	1	140	14	34	Open		Ditch	N 31 8.340 W 00 19.620

Main Line	66.4 Main	1	66.4	Brady	TX	ODPT	Timber	11	1	154	14	30	Open		Ditch	N 31 8,340 W 00 20,520
Main Line	66.4 Siding	1	66.4	Brady	TX	ODPT	Timber	11	1	154	14	27	Open		Ditch	N 31 8,340 W 00 20,520
Sandhole Spur	0.2	1	0.2	Brady	TX	ODPT	Timber	10	1	140	14	25	Open		Ditch	N 31 8,340 W 00 18,620
Sandhole Spur	0.4	1	0.4	Brady	TX	ODPT	Timber	6	1	78	13	30	Open	1951	Road	N 31 8,100 W 00 18,500
Sandhole Spur	0.4	2	0.4	Brady	TX	DPG	Concrete	2	1	190	95	30	Open		Highway and River	N 31 8,100 W 00 19,500
Sandhole Spur	0.4	3	0.4	Brady	TX	ODPT	Timber	4	1	52	13	30	Open		Water	N 31 8,100 W 00 18,500
Sandhole Spur	Haller Phillips	1	1.0	Brady	TX	ODPT	Timber	1	1	11	11	2	Open		Ditch	N 31 7,860 W 00 18,500
Sandhole Spur	11th Street	1	2.0	Brady	TX	ODPT/Beam Scam	Timber	7	1	91	13	15	Open		Ditch	N 31 7,260 W 00 18,500
Sandhole Spur (Out of Service)	3.5	1	3.5	Brady	TX	ODPT	Timber	8	1	112	14	15	Open		Stream	N 31 6,383 W 00 18,400

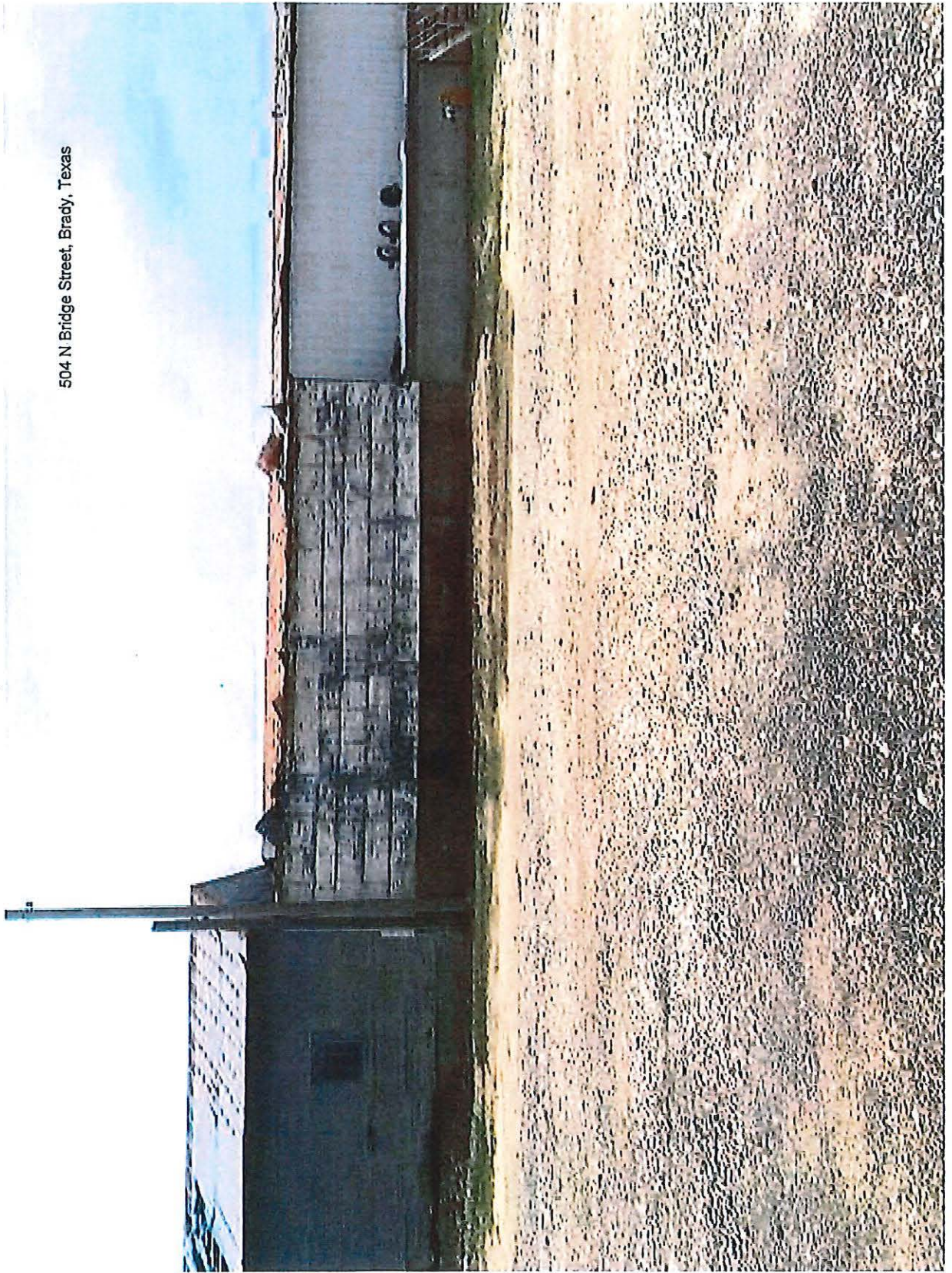


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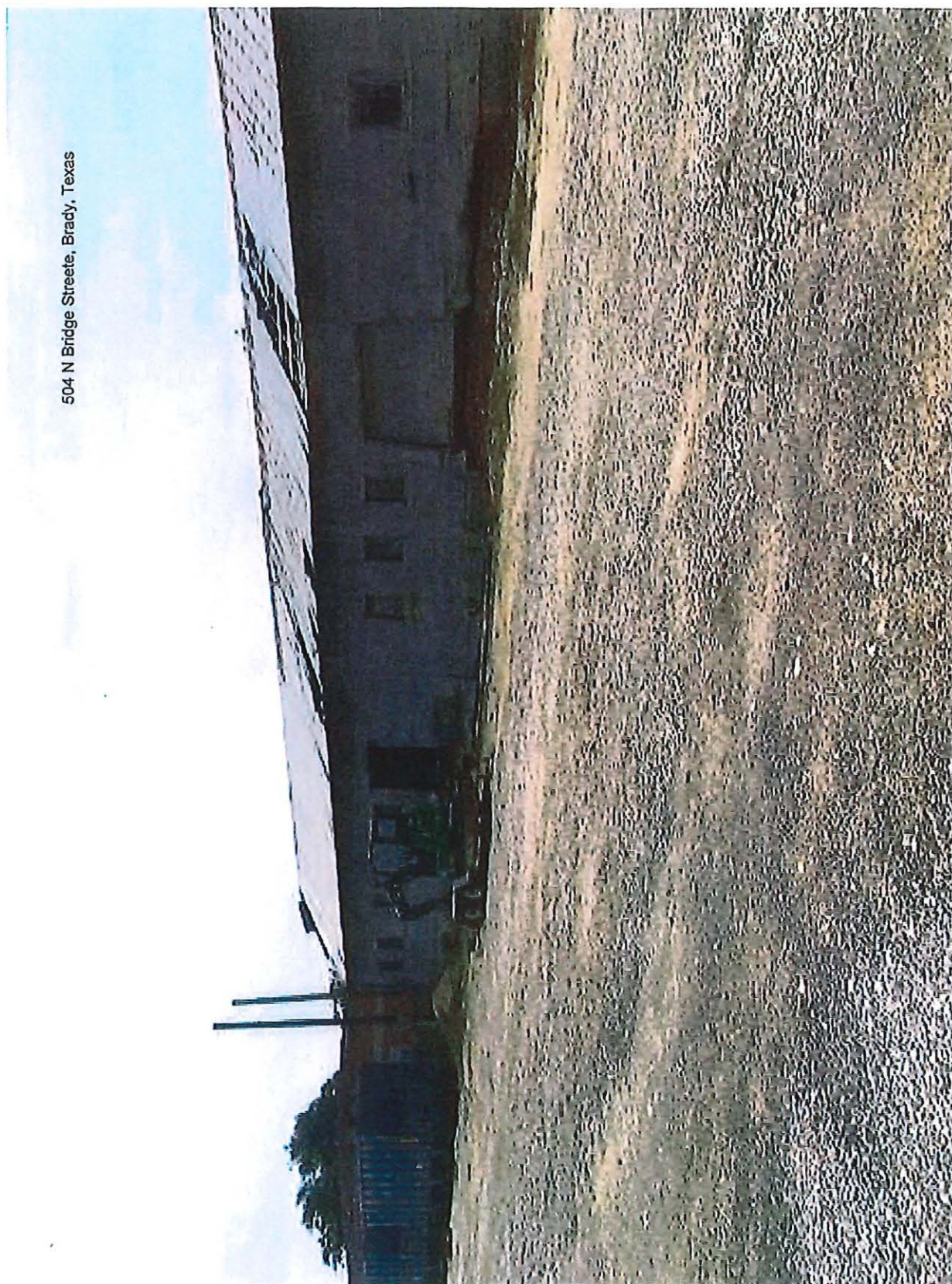
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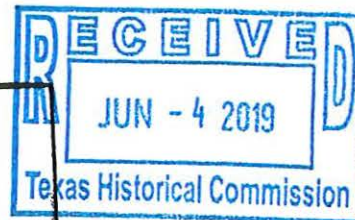
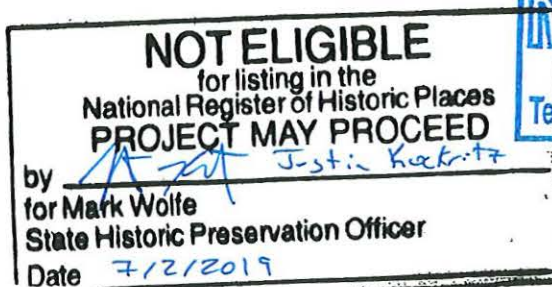
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We would appreciate your review of the proposed action and provision of any comments you may have in a written response as soon as possible. Any written comments should reference Docket No. AB-1272X and be sent to the undersigned, as counsel for CTRX.

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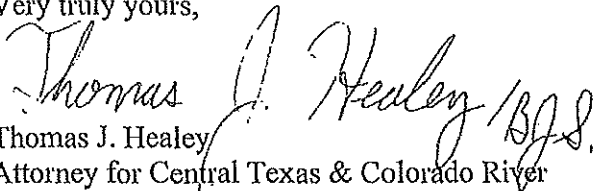
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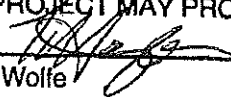
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State Historic Preservation Officer
Date 6/26/19
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