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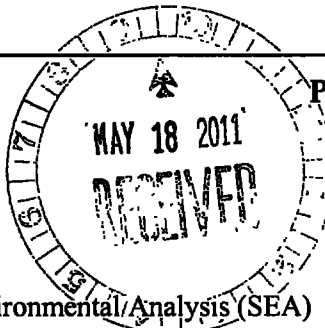
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To: The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown

Re: Proposed abandonment of and discontinuance of Service on the Bailey Branch from M.P. 671.58 near Monroe to M.P. 682.25 near Greenberry, and the Hull Oakes Lead from M. P. 673.21 near Alpine Jct. to M.P. 680.06 near Dawson in Benton County, Oregon: STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 257) and AB-986 (Sub-Benton County, Oregon; STB No. 1)

It was brought to our attention by Robert Melbo, Oregon Department of Transportation State Rail Planner, that we did not send you a copy of our comments concerning the above mentioned abandonment of the Union Pacific Line in Benton County, Oregon. Please read and include the attached letter from the State Historic Preservation Office sent to Mack Shumate, Jr., Union Pacific Railroad attorney, dated April 5, 2011, in the file for Dockets AB-33 and AB-986. It relates our concern that the abandonment of the Hull Oakes Lead from M. P. 673.21 near Alpine Jct. to M.P. 680.06 near Dawson lacks of pertinent information concerning the listed National Register of Historic Places Hull-Oakes Lumber Mill District (SHPO 11-0636).

In addition, in a prior correspondence for this abandonment, SHPO# 07-2016, dated September 7, 2007 from Sarah Jalving, Historic Compliance Specialist at the Oregon SHPO, to Mr. Charles Saylors, Union Pacific Railroad Law Department, she states: "Subsequently, the abandonment and discontinuance of operations on these lines (Bailey Branch – MP 671.58 Near Monroe to MP 687.69 near Corvallis Junction and Hull Oakes Lead MP 673.21 Alpine Junction to MP 680.06 Dawson, Benton County) and discontinuance of operations on these lines is considered a no historic properties adversely affect because this project will have no physical effect on the resources. **If, in the future, these resources are to be demolished, there would be an adverse effect to eligible properties, and our office should be contacted for coordination.**"

I bolded the last sentence of the letter to alert you of the need for an evaluation of effect to the Union Pacific Railroad Main line and the spur line for Hull-Oakes Lumber Company if the abandonment will include demolition of the railroad's physical properties.

Mr. Shumate left me a voice mail on April 18, 2011 to acknowledge the receipt of the letter. On April 20, 2011, Andrew Schmits, a historian for the Union Pacific Railroad, called to let me know that he will be working on preparing additional information on Hull-Oakes and the Main Line. Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions, comments or need additional assistance.

Sincerely

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Cc: Matt Shumake, Union Pacific Railroad

Linda Modrell, Benton County Commissioner

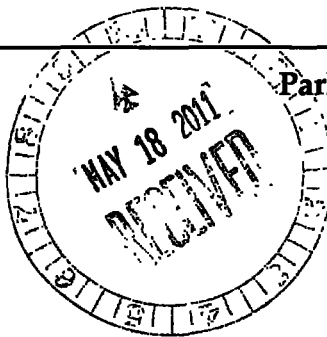
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April 5, 2011

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RE: SHPO Case No. 11-0636

Bailey Branch of UPRR Abandonment (Docket No. AB-33 Sub-No. 257 & AB-986 Sub-No.) FOE
Surface Transportation Board/UPRR/WPRR, Benton County

Dear Mr. Shumate Jr.:

Thank you for submitting documentation on the project referenced above. We believe that pertinent information is missing concerning the Hull-Oakes Lumber Mill National Register Historic District located at the end of the Hull Oakes Lead near M.P. 680.06 near Dawson in Benton County. The Hull-Oakes Lumber Mill was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on August 2, 1996 as a historic district and is assigned National Register #96000869. The railroad spurs are shown in the photographs submitted in the August 8, 2007 submission (SHPO case # 07 2016) at M.P. 679.91, but there was no mention of the National Register listed Hull-Oakes Mill in the area of potential effect.

The Hull-Oakes Lumber Mill National Register Nomination lists the railroad spur, located at approximately M.P. 679.91, as contributing resources in the district. The nomination states in Section 7 page 7:

"Three railroad spurs totaling about 1,200 linear feet, more or less, are a collective contributing feature of this nomination. They are spurs off a Southern Pacific Railroad main line that entered the area in 1909-10, and are owned by the Hull-Oakes Lumber Co. Construction dates for the spurs are not exactly know, but they are directly associated with Hull's sawmill and an integral part of the company's product-transportation network..."

The Oregon SHPO believes that the effect on the National Register Hull-Oakes Lumber Mill needs to be evaluated before we can comment further. We look forward to receiving information on the effect to the Hull-Oakes Lumber Co. Historic District so we can comment in a timely manner. Please be sure to reference the SHPO case number shown above to allow us to accurately track your project. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the additional information requested.

Sincerely,

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