



RE: Railroad construction in Lake County , TN 
Joshua Wayland to: Jennifer Barnett

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Jennifer,

Thank you for your quick response and for passing along the MOA between the Corps and the SHPO. I look forward to receiving the survey request letter. I have a couple of quick questions for you. Will the letter specify the methods that your office recommends for conducting the archeological survey? Specifically, will the letter indicate the extent to which the ground survey that was conducted for the applicant's preferred alternative did or did not use appropriate methods?

Thanks again for your time and assistance,

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Jennifer Barnett

Josh, I have reviewed the documents that you s...

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Josh,

I have reviewed the documents that you sent to me regarding the proposed Cate's Landing rail lines. I wanted to give you a heads-up that I will be requesting an archaeological survey of the proposed routes. The Cates Landing project (formerly known as the "Northwest TN Harbor" project) dates back to 2003. At that time there was an archaeological survey done of the port itself, but not the entire potentially associated development area. We signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Corps of Engineers and the Northwest TN Port Authority to address the effect of the USACE's construction and permitting of the port on historic properties. The MOA was ratified in 2004 for a period of 5 years. The MOA was not extended, therefore each additional federal undertaking that falls under the auspices of the overall harbor project must be addressed on a project by project basis.

I am attaching a copy of the 2004 MOA for your reference. I am also copying Jimmy McNeil (USACE Memphis District archaeologist) so that he and the Corps are aware that additional port facilities and industrial developments continue and must be addressed on a project by project basis. I suggest that you contact him so that you may coordinate your cultural resources compliance processes.

I will draft a formal survey request letter to you in the next few days.

Let me know if you have any additional questions.

- Jennifer

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Hi Jennifer,

Thank you for taking my call today. As I mentioned on the phone, my office received comments from the Tennessee Historical Commission in August, 2014 requesting additional information about the proposed rail construction project at Cates Landing in Lake County, Tennessee. Specifically, the comments request a copy of a map of the proposed project area and a clear project narrative. I have attached for your reference a copy of a Description of Proposed Action and Alternatives, which my office prepared as part of its ongoing environmental review of the project. This document includes maps of the applicant's proposed alignment and the identified alternatives. I have also attached a cultural resources survey report prepared on behalf of my office by our third party contractor. The original request for comments and the response are also attached. Thank you so much for taking the time to review these documents; please feel free to call me at the number below with any questions or if there is any additional information you need for your review.

(See attached file: Request for Project Related Comments.pdf)(See attached file: Tennessee Historical Commission Response.pdf)(See attached file: Cates Landing DOPPA.pdf)(See attached file: Cates Landing Cultural Resources Survey Report.pdf)

Best regards,

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