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Subject STB Docket No. AB-397 (Sub-No. 7X) Railroad
Abandonment 

Mark:

As you know, my agency is currently in the process of drafting a broadcast memo to all SHPOs/THPOs and Federally recognized tribes pursuant to our conference call a week ago. The memo will outline the delegation of certain parts of our section 106 process to our applicants and their attorneys.

In the meantime, I would like to work with you to help further the section 106 review for the above named abandonment proceeding to which I have been assigned. Fritz R. Kahn is the attorney acting on behalf of the client seeking abandonment authority in this case (the Tulare Valley Railroad Company) and I have copied him here. I recently completed the Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding and there appear to be two properties along the line: a 48-foot culvert (ca. 1934) and a wooden trestle bridge (1924). Neither of these resources appear to meet the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places based on my review.

I have attached a link to the EA and to the historic report completed by the applicant (both should have been mailed to you). Mr. Kahn is eager to further the Section 106 process on behalf of his client and will provide you with whatever additional documentation, if any, you may need to move things forward. Please let me know how you would like to proceed.

Thanks,
Cathy

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Link to EA:

<http://www.stb.dot.gov/decisions/readingroom.nsf/fc695db5bc7ebe2c852572b80040c45f/5a5e1d823ef6d8e9852575fa00429fc9?OpenDocument>

Link to Notice of Exemption (this included the historic report);

<http://www.stb.dot.gov/decisions/readingroom.nsf/WEBUNID/898B9EDB75CF8FB1852575F5005032CC?OpenDocument>