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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION STB  
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

**POST POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN  
DOCKET NO. AB-1023 (Sub-No. 1X)

**June 17, 2010**

**ABANDONMENT TYPE**

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:  
( ) Notice of Exemption (X) Petition for Exemption ( ) Regulated Abandonment

( ) **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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RECOMMENDATION: Remove Section 106 Condition in AB-1023 (Sub-No. 1X)  
Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad Company – Abandonment  
Exemption – In Grays Harbor, WA

In this proceeding, Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad Company (PSAP) filed a petition for exemption with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) seeking approval authority to abandon 1.58 miles of railroad in Grays Harbor, Washington. By decision served on May 19, 2009, the Board imposed four (4) environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

**Comments on the EA**

**Historic Condition**

The condition required PSAP to retain its interest in and take no steps to alter the historic integrity of all historic properties including sites, buildings, structures, and objects within the project right-of-way (the Area of Potential Effect) that are eligible for listing or listed in the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) until the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 470f, has been completed and the Board has removed this condition.

The attached correspondence, dated June 14, 2010, from the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (or State Historic Preservation Office or SHPO) indicates that the SHPO has determined that the proposed abandonment would have no adverse effect on National Register listed or eligible properties affected by this undertaking. The documentation for this finding, as specified at 36 CFR 800.11 (d), consists of the railroad's historic report, all relevant correspondence, and the EA, which have been made available to the public through the Board's website. SEA therefore recommends that the Section 106 condition imposed by the Board in this proceeding be removed at this time.

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June 14, 2010

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In future correspondence please refer to:  
Log: 092208-01-STB  
Property: Horn Spur abandonment (AB-1023 Sub No 1x)  
Re: NO Adverse Effect

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Thank you for contacting the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP). The above referenced project has been reviewed on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer under provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended) and 36 CFR Part 800. My review is based upon documentation contained in your communication.

I concur that the current project as proposed will have "NO ADVERSE EFFECT" on the National Register eligible Horn Spur Swing Bridge. We also concur with the Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad's consultant that the Horn Spur itself is a resource not eligible for listing to the National Register. If additional information on the project becomes available, or if any archaeological resources are uncovered during construction, please halt work in the area of discovery and contact the appropriate Native American Tribes and DAHP for further consultation.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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