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Subject Fw: McCloud Railway Company - STB Docket No. AB-914X

Susan:

The STB intends to remove the Section 106 condition attached to the abandonment proceeding in STB Docket No. AB-914X. The Section 106 condition was fully complied with and the applicant intends to consummate the abandonment in the near future. The only remaining impediment is the removal of the Section 106 condition. David Byrd was the CA SHPO staff person who was working on this case. The SHPO number for the project is STB50310A.

The applicant in this case, the McCloud Railroad Company, completed considerable documentation of the line. The documentation was summarized in the 4 volume report, Archaeological Reconnaissance for the Proposed Abandonment and Discontinuance by McCloud Railway Company of 77 Miles of Railroad (McCloud to Bartle, Bartle to Hambone, and Bartle to Burney), Siskiyou and Shasta Counties, California. In addition to the extensive report, the railroad also completed additional documentation of four sites (see attached letter from Coyote & Fox to David Byrd, dated June 11, 2008). It was agreed through phone conversations with David Byrd (with both me and the applicant's consultant) that the additional documentation of the four sites would complete the Section 106 process pursuant to 36 CFR 800.5(d). However, neither the STB nor the applicant received a clearance letter from the CA SHPO for the abandonment proceeding. (I sent an email request for clearance to the CA SHPO on 6/17/2008 as shown below.) I understand, sadly, that David Byrd died sometime after the documentation was submitted and that this is the reason we never received a clearance.

Please let me know if you have any concerns or objections to the removal of the Section 106 condition in this case.

Thanks in advance for your help with this. I have also copied Mark Beason on this email as I am not certain who is the current contact for this proceeding.

Best Regards,

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Hi Susan:

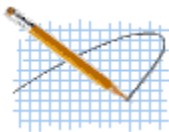
I left a message on your phone regarding the abandonment proceeding in our docket No. AB-914X. I sent an email to David Byrd regarding this case on 6/17/2008 but never heard back (see below). Can I assume that we are cleared to remove the Section 106 condition in this case? The applicant completed a great deal of documentation and I think we were set to go. However, we never did hear back from David. The railroad is trying to consummate the abandonment, but we will need to remove the Section 106 condition before we can do that.

I tried to contact David today via phone and the email below. However, the phone number appeared disconnected and I wasn't sure if he was still working there.

The number I have seen in reference to this project is: STB050310A

Thanks in advance,
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10/14/2009 05:23 PM

To dbyrd@parks.ca.gov

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Subject McCloud Railway Company - STB Docket No. AB-914X

Dear David Byrd:

Could you tell me the status of the above referenced project? According to my records, we sent you a request for consensus on our finding of No Adverse Effect for the above proceeding via email on 6/17/2008 (see below). Did your office every concur with our determination of No Adverse Effect? I do not have any record of this, if you did.

Thanks.
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Dear David Byrd:

The Surface Transportation Board's (STB) Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) is in receipt of revised site forms for CA-SIS-2648H (Bartle Water Tank) and CA-SIS-4282H (Bartle Spring) copied to us for the above referenced project. The documentation was provided to you by letter dated June 11, 2008 from Coyote & Fox Enterprises on behalf of McCloud Railway Company to comply with your request for more information regarding the two sites.

We believe that the additional documentation is adequate. If you provide your consensus on this point, we will remove the current Section 106 condition from the Docket in STB No. AB-914 X and conclude the Section 106 process pursuant to 36 CFR 800.5(b), with a finding of **No Adverse Effect** to historic properties.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please give me a call at 202-245-0293.

Thank you,

-Cathy

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