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FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN
DOCKET NO. AB 33 (SUB-NO. 294X)

September 26, 2013

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

☒ (X) Notice of Exemption ☐ () Petition for Exemption ☐ () Regulated Abandonment

☒ (X) **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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In this proceeding, the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) filed a notice under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 seeking approval authority to abandon a 0.85 mile portion of rail line on the Stoddard Industrial Lead in Canyon County, Idaho. The Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on September 6, 2013 for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended two environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Conclusion

The EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, OEA recommends that the two conditions recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority. The conditions are:

1. Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, the Union Pacific Railroad Company shall consult with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) regarding potential impacts to waters of the United States, including wetlands, and shall comply with the reasonable requirements of the Corps.
2. In the event that any unanticipated archaeological sites, human remains, funerary items or associated artifacts are discovered during the railroad's salvage activities, the railroad shall immediately cease all work and notify OEA and the Idaho State Historical Society (State Historic Preservation Office or SHPO), pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.13(b). OEA shall then consult with the SHPO, the railroad, and other consulting parties, if any, to determine whether appropriate mitigation measures are necessary.

OEA concludes that if the above conditions are imposed, the proposed action would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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