

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

POST POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN STB DOCKET NO. AB-857 (Sub-No. 1X)

March 5, 2009

ABANDONMENT TYPE

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

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

() **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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SEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on May 9, 2008 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA recommended one environmental condition and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Comments

SEA received one comment after issuance of the Post EA. On February 20, 2009, Great Western Railway of Colorado (GWRC) submitted a letter from the Colorado State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) stating that GWRC's proposed salvaging and rail banking would have no adverse effect on the rail line.

Therefore, SEA recommends that the section 106 historic preservation condition imposed in the May 9, 2008 decision and the Post EA be removed.

Conclusions

SEA recommends that the Section 106 historic preservation condition recommended in the EA and in the Post EA be removed.

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