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Reply To: STB091109A

Victoria Ruston, Chief
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Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: Almanor Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—In Plumas County and Lassen County, California; Docket No. AB-1052X

Dear Ms. Ruston:

Mr. Fritz Kahn initiated consultation on behalf of the STB regarding the above referenced undertaking. STB is requesting my assistance in assessing any potential effects of the abandonment action in accordance with 36 CFR 800, regulations and implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

As I presently understand it, the undertaking consists of abandonment of a portion of rail line between Milepost 0.0 at Chester in Plumas County and Milepost 12.3 near Clear Creek in Lassen County. There is one railroad bridge within these portions of the line constructed in 1930.

After reviewing the Historic Report included in the consultation package, I am able to concur with the STB's overall effort to determine and document that the APE is satisfactory pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(a)(1). Likewise, STB's effort to document historic properties in the APE is satisfactory pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(b). I presently understand there is one bridge within the APE and it is not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Because there are no historic properties present in the APE, I am able to concur with the "No Historic Properties Affected" for the undertaking.

Thank you for considering historic properties in your planning process. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Blosser of my staff at (916) 654-7372 or e-mail at ablosser@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Susan K Stratton for

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