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## Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office

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File: 1920-698MO-10

RE: Surface Transportation Board, Docket No. AB-1068 (Sub-No. 3X), Missouri Central Railroad Company - Abandonment Exemption, Cass, Pettis, Benton, Morgan, Miller, Cole, Osage, Maries, Gasconade, and Franklin Counties, Missouri, Interim Trail Use Agreement

Surface Transportation Board  
395 E. Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office has received notification and accompanying information for the proposed project listed as Surface Transportation Board, Docket No. AB-1068 (Sub-No. 3X), Missouri Central Railroad Company - Abandonment Exemption, Cass, Pettis, Benton, Morgan, Miller, Cole, Osage, Maries, Gasconade, and Franklin Counties, Missouri, Interim Trail Use Agreement. The Osage Nation requests that a cultural resources survey be conducted for this project.

In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, (NHPA) [54 U.S.C. § 300101 et seq.] 1966, undertakings subject to the review process are referred to in 54 U.S.C. § 302706 (a), which clarifies that historic properties may have religious and cultural significance to Indian tribes. Additionally, Section 106 of NHPA requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties (36 CFR Part 800) as does the National Environmental Policy Act (43 U.S.C. 4321 and 4331-35 and 40 CFR 1501.7(a) of 1969).

The Osage Nation has a vital interest in protecting its historic and ancestral cultural resources. The Osage Nation anticipates reviewing and commenting on the planned Phase I cultural resources survey report for the proposed Surface Transportation Board, Docket No. AB-1068 (Sub-No. 3X), Missouri Central Railroad Company - Abandonment Exemption, Cass, Pettis, Benton, Morgan, Miller, Cole, Osage, Maries, Gasconade, and Franklin Counties, Missouri, Interim Trail Use Agreement.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information please feel free to contact me at the number listed below. Thank you for consulting with the Osage Nation on this matter.



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