



MHPC# 0199-10 proposed rail abandonment in Penobscot and Aroostook Counties, Maine

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Re: Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway Ltd.; proposed rail abandonment (approx. 223 miles of main line and branch line tracks) in Penobscot and Aroostook Counties, Maine; preliminary draft environmental assessment (PDEA)

Dear Ms. Wood:

In response to your recent request, our office has reviewed the information received February 5, 2010 to initiate consultation on the above referenced undertaking pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

Regarding this undertaking, our office does not appear to have any concerns regarding prehistoric or historic archaeological resources.

Regarding above ground resources, the abandonment of any potentially eligible structures on this line, even if left in place, may constitute an adverse effect on historic properties pursuant to Section 106 regulations. We request that architectural survey be conducted in order to identify eligible resources as a first step in assessing effects on historic properties and to assist in the possible development of mitigation.

Architectural survey must be completed according to our "Above Ground Cultural Resource Survey Manual Guidelines for Identification: Architecture and Cultural Landscapes Section 106 Specific" and associated forms, which are both downloadable from our website:
http://www.maine.gov/mhpc/architectural_survey (click on tabs in white box on left side of page) Please note that our revised photographic policy must be referenced in lieu of the policy in our on-line survey manual:

http://www.maine.gov/mhpc/architectural_survey/survey_guidelines.html Any computer generated template other than that provided by MHPC must be approved by MHPC prior to submission. No changes to the survey forms are to be made without consulting MHPC. Please note that this area may include properties that have been surveyed as part of prior project reviews. In order to determine whether portions of the project area have been previously surveyed, please contact Christi Mitchell of our office at 207-287-1453. You may find a list of historic preservation consultants on our website:

http://www.maine.gov/mhpc/project_review/consultants/architectural_consultants.shtml

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We look forward to continuing consultation with you on this project.

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