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RE: SGR PA - Question

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History: This message has been replied to.

Good Morning Diana,

Thank you for your time in investigating this. We are just very concerned that the railroad not jeopardize our property or it's value. We've put a lot of energy, money and hard work into building our forever home.

I'll give Catherine a call if we have further questions.

I'll send over the signed agreement shortly.

Thanks again.....have a great day.

Julie

Jerry & Julie Perkis

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From: Diana.Wood@stb.dot.gov

Date: Tue, 20 Oct 2015 07:49:20 -0400

Jerry and Julie:

I posed your concerns to our in-house archaeologist and here is her response. Her phone number is listed below if you want to talk with her further.

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Yes. Their property would be included. That being said, their home may not be considered a National Register eligible historic property ("building" or "historic landscape"). It really depends on whether the property is at least over 50 years old and meets the National Register criteria. You can have them give me a call if they need further explanation.

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From: Diana Wood/STB
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Cathy:

I keep getting inquiries from a couple on the line who own a homesite and want assurances that this will be part of the architectural and archaeological surveys. I keep directing them to the specific stipulations, but for some reason, they still cannot see that their homesite would be included in any assessment. Before I call her back, do you think the following includes homesites, or should this specific wording be included?

II. Identification and Evaluation of Historic Properties

A. Prior to construction of the build alternative, SGR will retain qualified personnel as defined in Stipulation V of this Agreement. Qualified personnel of the appropriate profession will conduct such archeological and architectural surveys within the APE as may be necessary to supplement the surveys undertaken in connection with, and appended as part of, the SDEIS to locate archeological sites, buildings or other structures, objects, districts, traditional cultural properties (TCP), and cultural or historic landscapes that may be eligible for listing in the National Register. The STB will ensure that:

1. The work will be conducted in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation*, 48 Fed. Reg. 44716, September 29, 1983 ("Secretary's Standards"); and
2. SGR will also consider other applicable State of Texas laws, standards, and guidelines related to historic properties report documentation, specifically, the Antiquities Code of Texas, Title 9, Chapter 191 of the Texas Natural Resource Code; Rules of Practice and Procedure Chapter 26.24 and Chapter 26.25, and the Texas Historical Commission's Minimum Archeological Survey Standards, in accordance with 36 C.F.R. § 800.4(b)(1).

3. Prior to any field survey(s), SGR in consultation with the STB, SHPO, and any interested and affected Tribes, as appropriate, will develop a scope of work for undertaking any survey under this stipulation. The STB, after seeking comments from the SHPO and Tribes, as appropriate, must approve the scope of work prior to the initiation of fieldwork; and

4. Any archeological sites, buildings or other structures, objects, TCP, or districts located during the survey(s) will be evaluated or re-evaluated for their individual eligibility for listing in the National Register in accordance with 36 C.F.R. § 800.4. If the identified site, building, structure, object, TCP, or District is located within the Upper Quihi Historic District, then it will be evaluated or reevaluated for its association with and contribution to the applicable District(s).

Here's the PA for reference.

Thanks!

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