



RE: Railroad Abandonment in Botetourt County (DHR File No. 2013-1444)

Kampinen, Andrea (DHR) to: Joshua.Wayland@stb.dot.gov

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Thanks again for this Josh. I have this on my list to look at by the end of the week. When I spoke with Mr. Wibish last month, he said that he was going to get the archives search redone for the rail corridor for just the area is that going to be abandoned. Did you get any updates on what happened with that? Should I assume that option was just aborted? To help you guys out, I'll see if I can find this in our system to see what I need to see - given the smaller map you provided as well.

FYI, the concrete company is pressing us for answers on this, probably due to the Board's decision as you mention below. It's fine, we get this a lot, but the more they press us, the less time I have to actually review this (i.e. this week) and make a decision. Perhaps you could remind them that in 106, the federal agency runs the show. Just a thought.

Many thanks,

Andrea

-----Original Message-----

From: Joshua.Wayland@stb.dot.gov [mailto:Joshua.Wayland@stb.dot.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2014 4:11 PM

To: Kampinen, Andrea (DHR)

Subject: Railroad Abandonment in Botetourt County (DHR File No. 2013-1444)

Andrea,

I apologize for adding to your inbox in what I know is a busy month for you, but I wanted to make sure you have a copy of the results of the DHR archive search that Norfolk Southern sent me in the railroad abandonment in Botetourt County [STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 351X)]. It is in the attachment labelled EI-20418 and is also on the Surface Transportation Board website under the same Environmental Correspondence number. Based on my reading of the map on page 5, there do not appear to be any identified resources in the area of the abandonment, which is the northwesternmost portion (approximately 0.71 miles) of the yellow line. For comparison, I have also attached a larger scale map of the abandonment. These results (along with the previous analysis of the Roanoke Cement facility expansion in DHR File No. 2011-3603) is what led the Board to make a finding of no historic properties affected in this abandonment case. As I mentioned on the phone, however, the Board also imposed a condition that prevents the railroad from conducting any salvage until the Section 106 process is complete. This is to give you time to object to our finding if you have concerns. Finally, I have attached the Final Environmental Assessment for the case for your reference. I hope this is helpful; thanks as always for your time.

(See attached file: EI-20418.pdf)(See attached file: Site Map (AB 290 351X).pdf)(See attached file: Final Environmental Assessment (AB-290-351X).pdf)

Best regards,

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