



TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

Date: July 12, 2012

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RE: Surface Transportation Board Proposed Abandonment of a 5.6 mile Rail Line by Missouri Central Railroad Company in Cass County, Missouri

Christa Stoebner
Surface Transportation Board
Office of Environmental Analysis
395 E Street, SW, Room 1108
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Ms. Stoebner,

The Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office has received the report entitled Historic Context – Final Report for the Rock Island Abandonment Pleasant Hill to Highway P in Cass County, Missouri. The Osage Nation anticipates receiving notification of the termination of the Memorandum of Agreement once salvage operations have concluded.

In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, (NHPA) [16 U.S.C. 470 §§ 470-470w-6] 1966, undertakings subject to the review process are referred to in S101 (d)(6)(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 vital interests in protecting its historic and ancestral cultural resources. If artifacts or human remains are discovered during project construction, we ask that work cease immediately and the Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office be contacted.

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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