



RE: Cates Landing Railroad Report , Gerald Smith

Jennifer Barnett to: Joshua.Wayland@stb.dot.gov

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History:

This message has been replied to and forwarded.

Good Morning Josh,

The current version of the report is acceptable.

Please send me 2 hard copies and 3 CDs with PDF copies of the report.

Thanks for your cooperation and help throughout this process.

- Jennifer

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To: Jennifer Barnett
Subject: Re: Cates Landing Railroad Report, Gerald Smith

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Ms. Barnett,

I have attached a copy of the most recent Cultural Resources Survey report for the proposed rail line construction at Cates Landing in Lake County, Tennessee. The archeologist and the contractor have reformatted the report according to your office's standards and guidelines. We have also updated the introductory language to better reflect the nature of the project and the roles of the agencies involved. I was hoping you would be able to review this document at the earliest convenience to ensure that it is adequate for your review. If you think that the updated report is adequate, I will be happy to send a hard copy to your office.

Thank you for your guidance and assistance.

(See attached file: Cates Landing Railroad Cultural Resources Survey Report May 2015.pdf)

Best,

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Subject: Cates Landing Railroad Report, Gerald Smith

Good Morning,

I received a revised report for the Cates Landing railroad line directly from Gerald Smith without a cover letter or any consultation documentation from the federal agency(s). I am attaching a copy of the report. Gerald addressed some of my report revision requests, as listed in the attached notes. I acknowledge that Gerald has done his best at improving the report and I have an acceptable level of confidence that there are no unknown resources within the area of potential effect.

The report still does not address the following comments:

1. There is no mention of the federal agency responsible for the undertaking or that the survey was conducted as part of an agency(s) Section 106 compliance obligations.
3. There is no discussion of previous archaeological investigations associated with the Cates Landing project. - This is particularly important so as to put the investigation into the context of the overall Northwest Tennessee Harbor development project.
5. There was no subsurface testing and/or drawings or descriptions of the soil stratigraphy within the area of potential effect. - Although page 14 states that visual examination of the ditches showed sterile channel fill without buried soil horizons.

In addition the cover page needs to be changed to reflect the date of the current version of the report.

The attached report is compliance document on behalf of the Surface Transportation Board (STB) and is directly related to the stipulations of the former Programmatic Agreement for the harbor with the Corps of Engineers. As such, I am going to withhold our response until I formally receive the document and a cover letter from the agency(s). I will leave it to the agency(s) discretion to determine whether it meets their standards and if they concur with the findings of the investigations.

Thanks,

- Jennifer

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