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Diana Wood

Surface Transportation Board

Office of Environmental Analysis

395 E Street SW

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Dear Diana Wood,

Southwest Gulf Railroad (SGR) has submitted a Draft Resolution Plan (DRP) to your office requesting approval to build a railroad spur through the Upper Quihi Rural Historic District (UQRHD). I urge you to reject this DRP since a railroad in my opinion would endanger the historical structures in the area as well as jeopardize any future archaeological discoveries. I believe these adverse effects would happen in spite of any mitigating measures proposed by SGR.

Your office has already approved two alternative routes to SGR that would avoid the UQRHD. SGR should take your recommendation and thus preserve the unique history of rural Texas farm life for future generations.

Sincerely,

Tom Strickler

CC: Texas Historical Commission and Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

