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Subject Re: FD-34284 Southwest Gulf Railroad - Question on a
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Diana Wood,

Thank you for reading, responding to and correcting my appeal on the subject of the Southwest Gulf Railroad (FD-3284).

I am in favor of the Modified Eastern Bypass Route, and adamantly oppose the MCEAA Medina Dam Alternative Route. I miswrote the first sentence of the appeal which should have read:

"This is an appeal against the MCEAA Medina Dam Alternative Route for SGR because of..."

Thank you for your thoroughness and assistance.

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On Jul 10, 2008, at 9:36 AM, Diana.Wood@stb.dot.gov wrote:

I have a question on the comments you submitted regarding the above referenced proceeding. Specifically, I'm not sure which route you're endorsing. The language in the first sentence appears to be against the Modified Eastern Bypass Route; whereas, the last sentence endorses the Modified Eastern Bypass Route. Could you please clarify?

Thanks

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Message:

This is an appeal against the possible Modified Eastern Bypass Route for SGR because of the following environmental impacts within our ranch and adjacent areas: constant vibration may easily destroy earthen dam just a few hundred yards up from MCEAA Medina Dam Alternative Route at county road 265 (with a potential washout of rail), a negative impact on a

seasonal wetland area on ranch for migratory birds, obstructs two separate roads CR 265 & FM 2676 used for emergency access for medical care from ranch. We have also found what appear to be arrowheads in the area which may need further investigation.

Of the 3 eastern routes, the MCEAA Medina Dam Alternative Route is the longest, most circuitous route impacting more farm, ranch, and wildlife habitats. If an eastern route is required, it would seem logical, cost effective, and least environmentally disturbing to use the Modified Eastern Bypass Route.