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Diana Woods
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: S.T.B. Finance Docket 34284
Southwest Gulf Railroad
Programmatic Agreement

Dear Ms. Woods:

We would like to commend you on the time and effort you have put into the Programmatic Agreement. We know this is a difficult task and we appreciate your hard work.

We feel we must comment on the possible effects Southwest Gulf Railroad's proposed Eastern Bypass Route may have on upper Zuni Rural Historic District. There are many Archaeological sites and structures in this area. We live on Heritage Land that has been in our family since 1881. One of our greatest joys is to go out and find Indian Arrowheads. What a joy to know these Indian Tribes were living and hunting on this very land so many years ago. We have found an angostura Dart point on our property that dates back to 7000-8000 B.C., according to, "A Field Guide to Stone Artifacts", by Tom Hester.

There is also upper Linke School building located in this district that was built in 1875 in Linke and was relocated in 1910 to upper Linke, where it stands at present time. I am currently three years of age and attended this school as my father-in-law and mother-in-law also did. We have hopes that in the not to distant future this school can be restored. What a loss if all this was disturbed or destroyed!

We feel it is necessary that an intensive survey be done on all the property along the entire route. Not just on parts of it. It is also necessary that every survey result on every artifact found is reported,

It is Our Hope that you give these comments your ut-most consideration.

Sincerely,

Joe H. Balzer

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