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Ms. Kristin M. Collins
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Project: MHPC# 1028-13 - Belfast and Moosehead Lake Railroad; planned notice of exemption of abandonment by the City of Belfast; STB docket no. **AB-1109X**; Oak Hill Road to east of Routes 1 & 3

Town: Belfast, ME

Dear Ms. Collins:

In response to your recent request, I have reviewed the information received July 1, 2013 to initiate consultation on the above referenced project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA).

Based on the information submitted, I have concluded that the proposed undertaking will have **no adverse effect** on historic properties.

Please note that this railroad has not been evaluated for National Register eligibility. However, based on our experience with similar resources, it is likely that this railroad is potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, we recommend that the trestle bridge as well as any railroad signals, mile markers etc. that still exist be retained and preserved. We recommend that the city's proposed Passy Rail Trail incorporate these features into their project.

Please contact Robin Reed of my staff if we can be of further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kirk F. Mohnhey
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer