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Josh -

Andrea's latest, as promised, as an attachment in the email thread below.

We need to talk, and I think we need to include Vicki, ultimately, to register in on how best to keep things under control. Note that VA-DHR is still raising "indirect effects" issues.

- Rob

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Rob – More harassment from VA SHPO, with reference to indirect effects. Something is going on here.

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From: Kampinen, Andrea (DHR) [<mailto:Andrea.Kampinen@dhr.virginia.gov>]

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Dear Ms. Poarch,

Please see the attached letter for the above referenced project. A hard copy will not follow so please print the attachment for your records. Should you have any additional questions, I can be reached at the phone number or email address listed below.

Regards,

Andrea Kampinen

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February 7, 2014

Mr. Marcellus C. Kirchner, Director Strategic Planning
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Re: Railroad Abandonment between Mileposts N 167.9 and N 168.9
Prince Edward County
DHR File No. 2014-0040

Dear Mr. Kirchner,

On January 9, 2014, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) received information on the above referenced project pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. We understand that the project will be receiving federal approval from the Surface Transportation Board (STB). Unfortunately, we do not have enough information to complete a review at this time.

DHR understands that the Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) is proposing to abandon service for 1.0-miles of rail between milepost N 167.9 and N 168.9 in Prince Edward County. The line is a smaller, western segment of a rail route that extended from Pamplin to Burkeville, Virginia. The segment was originally part of the Southside Railroad, which was, according to your report, an important transportation resource during the Civil War. It was constructed between Petersburg and Lynchburg between 1849 and 1854. The western segment is roughly 31-miles and was abandoned in 2005, and now largely comprises High Bridge Trail State Park. The purpose of the abandonment is to discontinue service, salvage the track and improvements, and smooth the roadbed for the extension of the adjacent High Bridge Trail State Park directly into the Town of Pamplin.

In order for DHR to make an informed decision on potential effects, please submit the following:

- Map showing the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for direct and indirect effects. Indirect effects in this particular case would include the limits of the abandonment, at a minimum.
- DHR archives search through the Virginia Cultural Resource Information System (V-CRIS) for the area within the indirect effects boundaries of the project, as it is the federal agency's responsibility to identify historic properties under Section 106.

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- Several representative photos of the project area within the APE, so we may get an idea of the surrounding environment, regardless of whether bridges are present, in order to assess effects.

Should you have any additional questions, I can be reached at (804) 482-6084 or via email, andrea.kampinen@dhr.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,



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