



Botetourt Co., Virginia Rail Abandonment - DHR File No. 2013-1444
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Dear Mr. Wayland,

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,

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April 17, 2014

Mr. Joshua Wayland, Environmental Protection Specialist
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Office of Environmental Analysis

Re: Railroad Abandonment between Mileposts C 8.19 and C 8.90
Botetourt County
DHR File No. 2013-1444

Dear Mr. Wayland,

Thank you for providing the additional information we requested, which we received on April 9, 2014, 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). DHR understands that the Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) is proposing to abandon service for 0.71-miles of rail between milepost C 8.19 and C 8.90 in Botetourt County. The rail line appears to run parallel to the Catawba Road. The purpose of the abandonment is to discontinue service, salvage the track and improvements, and smooth the roadbed for the expansion of a facility by a new buyer. One timber/metal girder bridge will be removed, but no soil disturbance will occur.

We also understand that the Roanoke Cement Company has received an Army Corps permit in which DHR commented under Section 106 in our letter dated August 6, 2012. Despite Titan America's letter dated January 14, 2014, stating that the projects are not related, it is our opinion that per the definition of undertaking in 36 CFR Part 800.16(y), the projects *are* related because without the abandonment the expansion of the cement facility cannot move forward. Our review of the project in 2012 resulted in a no historic properties affected recommendation, however a review of our files shows that this particular abandonment was not included as part of the undertaking under the Army Corps. Nonetheless, an undertaking is defined by the federal agency involved, and thus the previous review in 2012 could not be used to substitute 106 review for this project.

A review of our Virginia Cultural Resources Information System (V-CRIS) in conjunction with the mapping you provided shows that the 0.71-miles of rail were originally part of the [planned] Cloverdale and Catawba Furnace Railroad. This industrial spur was planned in 1909, but not constructed until 1949-50 when the Lone Star Cement Company built the spur line from the Norfolk & Western Railway Company (N&W) Roanoke-Hagerstown main line at Cloverdale to their cement quarry. N&W acquired the spur in 1951 and later consolidated with Norfolk Southern in 1990 under the NSR name. The bridge was constructed with the spur line in 1949. In our letter dated August 6, 2012, DHR determined that the main line of the Norfolk & Western Railway (historic name; DHR ID#011-5481) is potentially eligible;

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however, in a later review for another project in December 2013, DHR determined that there was not enough information to determine eligibility and should therefore the rail line should remain unevaluated. It is our opinion that the 0.71-miles of the industrial spur is *not eligible* for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, nor is the timber/metal girder bridge associated within the rail line along the abandonment.

Therefore, DHR concurs with the STB that *no historic properties will be affected* by the proposed abandonment of the 0.71-miles of rail line at the northern tip of this industrial spur. Thank you for working with us on this project. 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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