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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

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April 23, 2021

Bradon Smith
Blue Ridge Southern Railroad
c/o Fletcher & Sippel, LLC
29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, NC 60606-

Re: SCH File # 21-E-0000-0876 Proposal is for the abandonment of approximately 19.1 miles of railroad situated between milepost .07 at Hendersonville in Henderson County and milepost 19.8 at Pisgah Forest near Brevard in Transylvania County.

Dear Bradon Smith:

The above referenced environmental impact information has been submitted to the State Clearinghouse under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act. According to G.S. 113A-10, when a state agency is required to prepare an environmental document under the provisions of federal law, the environmental document meets the provisions of the State Environmental Policy Act. Attached to this letter for your consideration are comments made by the agencies in the review of this document.

If any further environmental review documents are prepared for this project, they should be forwarded to this office for intergovernmental review.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

CRYSTAL BEST
State Environmental Review Clearinghouse

Attachments

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Location:
116 WEST JONES STREET
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Control No.: 21-E-0000-0876

Date Received: 3/23/2021

County.: HENDERSON,
TRANSYLVANIA

Agency Response: 4/22/2021

Review Closed: 4/22/2021

JINTAO WEN
CLEARINGHOUSE COORDINATOR
DPS - DIV OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Project Information

Type: National Environmental Policy Act ironmental Review

Applicant: Blue Ridge Southern Railroad

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From the information provided it appears portions of the proposed project is in close vicinity of Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). Any encroachment, grading, fill or placement of equipment or materials within the SFHA will require a floodplain development permit issued by local community (Transylvania County and/or Henderson County). Please coordinate with the County's Floodplain Administrator for permitting.
The work within the Floodway or Non-Encroachment Area will require a hydraulic analysis to determine the effects on flood levels from the proposed development. Any increase in flood levels during the base flood discharge will require a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) prior to construction. Otherwise, a "No-Rise" certification will be required.

Reviewed By: JINTAO WEN

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LYN HARDISON
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DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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JEANNE STONE
CLEARINGHOUSE COORDINATOR
DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION

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