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Ms. Victoria Rutson, Esq.
Director, Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW, Room 1106
Washington, DC 20423

**Re: STB Docket No. AB 6 (Sub-No. 499X), BNSF Railway Company--
Abandonment Exemption--in Los Angeles County, California**

Dear Ms. Rutson:

On June 5, 2019, BNSF Railway Company filed its Environmental and Historic Reports in the above-referenced proceeding. Attached please find the additional response received from the National Geodetic Survey.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sally Mordi".

Sally Mordi
Attorney for BNSF Railway Company

Enclosure

Mordi, Sally

From: Deborah Brooks - NOAA Federal <Deborah.Brooks@noaa.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2019 5:44 PM
To: Mordi, Sally
Cc: Surface Transportation Board; Christine Gallagher - NOAA Federal; Dana Caccamise - NOAA Federal
Subject: NGS Response: STB Docket No. AB 6 (Sub-No .499X)

Thank you for informing the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) of BNSF Railway Company (BNSF)'s decision to abandon a 5.93 mile segment of railroad between approximately milepost 2.1 and approximately milepost 7.95 in Los Angeles County, California..

There could be geodetic survey marks located in the area described, and any marks still present could be disturbed by the abandonment. While it is illegal to disturb or destroy a mark, sometimes disturbing or destroying a mark is unavoidable. In such cases, the mark can often be preserved or reset with advanced planning. NGS provides the public with tools to search for and locate survey marks, see the NGS Data Explorer (<https://geodesy.noaa.gov/NGSDataExplorer/>).

If a mark will be disturbed by the abandonment, UP should consult with NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that will disturb, or destroy any geodetic marks identified nearby. Information is available online to help reset marks or report disturbed/destroyed marks: <https://geodesy.noaa.gov/surveys/mark-recovery/index.shtml>.

If you have additional questions, email NGS.Infocenter@noaa.gov

This notice is also being shared with Dana Caccamise (dana.caccamise@noaa.gov, 301-787-6393) the Regional Geodetic Advisor, so he may work with any interested local agencies or stakeholders.

If you have additional questions, email NGS.Infocenter@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

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More information on preserving marks, mark resets, and destroyed marks.

Preserving Marks

Significant resources were invested to create an extensive geodetic network across the United States by establishing precise coordinates at physical survey marks. Disturbing or destroying these marks reduces geodetic control available to local surveyors, so please make every effort to preserve this valuable network.

Mark Resets

If a mark is about to be destroyed (e.g., due to planned construction), it may be possible to reset the mark and retain the geodetic control. Review the Bench Mark Reset

Procedures(https://geodesy.noaa.gov/PUBS_LIB/Benchmark_4_1_2011.pdf) or contact your closest geodetic advisor (<https://geodesy.noaa.gov/ADVISORS/index.shtml>). Please do not attempt to reset a mark that has been separated from the base. Any remnants of destroyed marks must be properly discarded and not reused in any manner, as this is a violation of Federal law.

Destroyed Marks

If it is determined that a mark has been destroyed, please provide enough photo evidence to show how this determination was made. To submit this information to NGS, follow the instructions regarding “destroyed marks” on the Mark Recovery Entry web page (https://geodesy.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/recvy_entry_www.prl)