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Ms. Crystal Zorbaugh
Baker and Miller

Re: Railroad Abandonment between Mileposts N 133.4 and N 134.1
Nottoway County
DHR File No. 2015-0843

Dear Ms. Zorbaugh,

On August 26, 2015, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) received additional 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 for abandonment from the Surface Transportation Board (STB).

DHR understands that the Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) is proposing to abandon service for 0.70-miles of rail between milepost N 133.4 and N 134.1 in Nottoway County. The segment was originally part of the Southside Railroad, 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 and salvage the track..

This Norfolk Southern rail line (DHR ID#006-5007) was determined potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Based upon a review of the information provided, we concur that the abandonment of the line will have *no adverse effect* on historic properties, however we requested that consultation is continued for a proposed trail pursuant to federal regulations. Should you have any additional questions, I can be reached at (804) 482-6084 or via email, andrea.burke@dhr.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrea Burke".

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