



RE: Railroad Abandonment in Prince Edward County , VA (DHR File No.2014-0040)

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Hey Josh,

Well, summer is starting off with a power outage at our office, so you won't be able to reach me today by phone -sorry!

Thanks for sending this in. I'll add it to the file. I saw from the last letter I sent, that in addition to the archives search, I need a few photos and an Area of Potential Effects. By no means, though, do I want you to head down to Prince Edward County to take these like that last time. The reason is that rail line, according to V-CRIS, is eligible for listing in the National Register. I need to get an idea for the integrity is of the line - still intact? Rail and ties still there? Ditches? Any other bridges along it still there?

As for the Area of Potential Effects (APE), what are you claiming as your indirect effect boundaries (see my letter)? All this info becomes a little more important this time because with the eligibility of the rail line, we have a historic property per the definition of 106 - and thus need to consider the impacts from the project on it. If you want, we can chat on Monday about this. I'm sure we'll have power back by then.

Have a good weekend!

Andrea

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From: Joshua.Wayland@stb.dot.gov [mailto:Joshua.Wayland@stb.dot.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2014 5:03 PM
To: Kampinen, Andrea (DHR)
Subject: Railroad Abandonment in Prince Edward County, VA (DHR File No.2014-0040)

Hi Andrea,

I hope you are well and enjoying the start of summer! I was just contacted by the Bill Mullens, the representative of Norfolk Southern Railway Company regarding a railroad abandonment in Prince Edward County. You and I spoke about this case some time ago; it is located adjacent to the High Bridge Trail State Park, near Pamplin City. The DHR File Number is 2014-0040 and the Surface Transportation Board Docket Number is AB 290 (Sub-No. 361X). As you might remember, my agency issued a decision on May 6 that imposed a condition to prevent the railroad from salvaging the railroad until the Section 106

process is complete.

Back when the case first started, you requested that the railroad conduct an DHR archives search in order to help you identify any historic properties in the project APE. Mr. Mullens sent me the results of the archives this afternoon and asked me to forward them to you; please find them attached. Since it's already rather late in the day, I will follow up with you by phone tomorrow to make sure that you got the files that you need. I will be happy to send any additional information that might you might find useful- just let me know.

(See attached file: PAMP_Letter.pdf)(See attached file: PAMP_spreadsheet.xlsx)(See attached file: PAMP_Map.pdf)(See attached file: 006-5007_VCRIS.pdf)

Thanks as always and warm regards,

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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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