



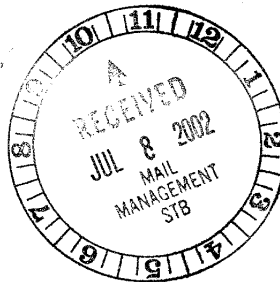
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 235X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company—Abandonment Exemption—in McDowell County, West Virginia

NOTICE OF CONSUMMATION

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter received from the West Virginia Division of Culture and History in which it has been determined that there are no architectural or archaeological resources on the line between Roderfield and Premier, West Virginia, and that no further consultation is necessary.

Accordingly, the abandonment between Milepost RP-0.0 at Roderfield and Milepost RP-4.58 at Premier, West Virginia, was consummated on June 17, 2002.

Very truly yours,

James R. Paschall

JRP/sg

cc: Rail Services Update
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WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF
CULTURE AND HISTORY

June 10, 2002

Mr. James R. Paschall
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RE: Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 235X) Abandonment
Between Roderfield and Premier
FR#: 02-65-MD-1

Dear Mr. Paschall:

We have reviewed the above mentioned project to determine its effects to cultural resources. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

Architectural Resources:

We have determined that the proposed project will have no effect on any property eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, no further consultation is necessary with this office regarding architectural resources.

Archaeological Resources:

A search of office site files and maps located no known sites within the 1 mile Area of Potential Effect (APE) of the project area. As well, your information indicates that the project will consist of the abandonment of existing rail lines. Therefore, we are of the opinion that this project will have little to no effect on archaeological resources within the project area. We have also determined that no known archaeological sites listed on or eligible for inclusion in the National Register will be affected by this project. If, however, cultural materials are encountered during construction, all such activities shall cease and our office shall be contacted immediately.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please call Robin Fisher, Historian or Rachel Black, Staff Archaeologist at (304) 558-0240.*

Sincerely,

Joanna Wilson
Senior Archaeologist

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