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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
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Leigh Kuwanwisiwma, Cultural Preservation Officer
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Dear Leigh Kuwanwisiwma,

RE: Section 106 Consultation in Finance Docket No. 34075, Six County Association of Governments – Construction and Operation – Rail Line between Levan and Salina, Utah

I am writing to inform you that the Surface Transportation Board's (Board), Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA), in cooperation with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is preparing a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Supplemental Draft EIS) for a 43-mile rail line that is proposed to run through Utah's Sanpete, Sevier, and Juab Counties between Juab and Salina. On June 29, 2007, the Board issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) in this proceeding.

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update and address the progress of additional section 106 efforts following issuance of the Draft EIS. As you may recall, during the preparation of the Draft EIS, STB initiated consultation with the Utah State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), interested Tribal Governments, and other parties pursuant to the regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). At that time, the Board provided your tribe with a summary of the cultural resources inventory survey (survey) completed in September of 2005 for the Area of Potential Effect (APE) that identified 55 historic and prehistoric sites/properties. At your request, we will provide you with a survey summary and additional maps identifying the historic and prehistoric properties in the APE.

In the Supplemental Draft EIS, three additional alternatives (Alternative B1, B2 and B3) have been identified and evaluated. See Attachment A. Alternatives B1 and B2 are located within the APE identified in the Draft EIS; and were evaluated in the survey. However, the third alternative, (Alternative B3) lies outside of the surveyed APE, and, therefore not included in the 2005 survey.

To preliminarily identify historic structures or archaeological sites potentially impacted by construction activities, in Alternative B3's APE, a site file check was conducted at the Utah SHPO Antiquities Section. The site file check found that no historic structures or archaeological sites within one-mile of Alternative B3 would be impacted by the proposed construction.

A staff person from the consulting firm HDR, Inc. (HDR), the Board's designated cultural resources representative, will be contacting you within the next few weeks to verify receipt of this

letter and discuss any concerns you may have regarding the proposed construction. At your request, Board staff will be available to meet with you personally to discuss any comments you may have. You are welcome to coordinate directly with HDR personnel. Please be assured that the Board will maintain information regarding traditional and cultural historic properties consistent with the requirements of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, American Indian Religious Freed Act, Indian Sacred Sites Executive Order 13007, May 14, 1998, NHPA, and Archaeological Resource Protection Act.

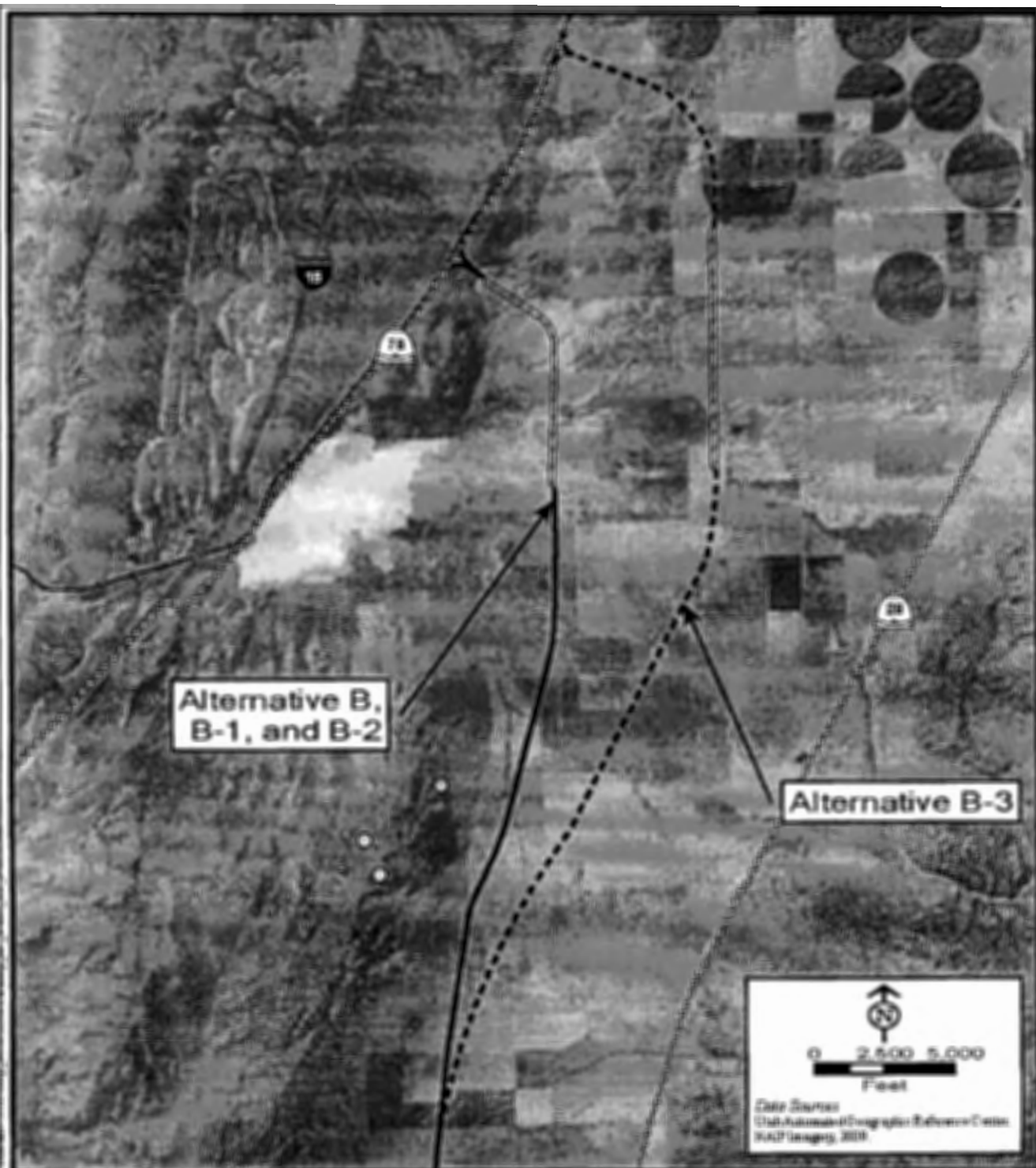
The Board appreciates your continued participation in this undertaking as a consulting party, in identifying any historic properties, including Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP) that may exist in the project's APE. We also value your continued input toward the goal of developing a finalized Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for historic properties that are eligible for NRHP and that could be affected by the undertaking pursuant to 36 CFR 800. We are particularly interested in making sure that sites that are important to your tribe as TCPs are addressed appropriately in the MOA. We would appreciate a response within 45 days of your receipt of this letter regarding your interest in continued consultation.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Matt Edwards from HDR at (801) 244-2872 or by email at matthew.edwards@hdrinc.com. or me at (202) 245-0304 or by email: johnson-ballp@stb.dot.gov. For additional information about the Board, please refer to our web site at www.stb.dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phillis Johnson-Ball', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Phillis Johnson-Ball
Deputy Director,
Office of Environmental Analysis



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SUPPLEMENT**

NO. 100
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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--- Truck Route

~ Union Pacific Main Line -
Sharp Subdivision

/// Interchange Yard
(Not to Scale)

○ Prehistoric Site Locations

**Figure 2-4
Alternative B3 at
Northern Terminus**