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In future correspondence please refer to:

Log: 070109-05-STB

Property: Lakeview Subdivision abandonment (AB-6 Sub# 469X)

Re: More Information Needed

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Recently, the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation was contacted by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) concerning the above referenced STB Docket. I have reviewed the materials BNSF provided for this project.

The historical report (required under 49CFR1105.8 and 36CFR800) appears to contain insufficient information to formulate an opinion regarding the eligibility and potential affects of the proposed abandonment. We would recommend that the affected rail line be evaluated as a cultural resource by persons meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and that line be (at a minimum) surveyed and inventoried to DAHP standards. A list of qualified consultants can be found at our website, www.dahp.wa.gov. Please note that DAHP has developed a set of cultural resource reporting guidelines. You can obtain a copy of these guidelines from our Web site.

I would appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties that you receive as required under 36CFR800.4(a)(4) and the requested materials when they are available. These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36CFR800.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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cc: Susan Odom



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