



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

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Najah Duvall-Gabriel
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Office of Federal Agency Programs
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 803
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Docket No. AB 33 (Sub-No. 286X), Union Pacific Railroad Company –
Abandonment Exemption – in Yakima County, Wash.

Dear Ms. Duvall-Gabriel:

The Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) is conducting an environmental review for the above abandonment proceeding pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). OEA has been consulting with the State of Washington, Department of Archeology & Historic Preservation (SHPO) and Union Pacific (the Applicant) regarding this proceeding and has determined that the proposed abandonment will have an adverse effect on one (1) historic property, the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) eligible bridge located at milepost 62.92.

To date, OEA and the SHPO have agreed that Warren Hurley of the Bureau of Reclamation should be invited to participate as a Section 106 consulting party in addition to the SHPO and Union Pacific. OEA intends to work with Mr. Hurley regarding the development of a memorandum of agreement (MOA), pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6(b), to stipulate the resolution of adverse effects to historic properties. We do not seek your participation at this time.

The following documents are enclosed for your review pursuant to 36 CFR 800.11(e): 1) Union Pacific's notice of exemption that describes the proposed action and contains information about the rail line, including the environmental and historic reports; 2) the environmental assessment prepared by OEA; 3) a copy of the cultural resources report prepared by Summit Envirosolutions, Inc. on behalf of Union Pacific; and 4) a copy of the e-mail inviting the proposed Section 106 consulting party to participate in the Section 106 process.

Please indicate to us in writing if you intend to participate in the Section 106 consultations regarding this proceeding. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at (202) 245-0300 or e-mail me at danielle.gosselin@stb.dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dani Gossi", written over the typed name.

Danielle Gosselin
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Office of Environmental Analysis

Enclosures (4)

cc (w/out enclosures): Russell Holter, Washington SHPO
Mack Shumate, Union Pacific
Andrew Schmidt, Summit