



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

February 7, 2014

Robert F. Bendus
Director and State Historic Preservation Officer
Florida Department of State
Division of Historical Resources
R.A. Gray Building
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**Re: STB Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 718X) – CSX Transportation, Inc. –
Abandonment Exemption – In Alachua County, Fla. And STB Docket No.
AB 507 (Sub-No. 1X) – Florida Northern Railroad Company –
Discontinuance of Service Exemption – In Alachua County, Fla.;
SHPO Project 2012-02212C**

Dear Mr. Bendus:

The Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) has made a finding of "no historic properties affected" (36 C.F.R. § 800.4(d)(1)) in the above referenced proceeding. The proposed action consists of the proposed abandonment and discontinuance of an approximately 11.62-mile rail line located in Alachua, Florida. The Board's approval of the proposed action is an undertaking subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The Board's "no historic properties affected" finding is based on research conducted by the applicant(s), and the January 24, 2014 letter from your office indicating that the requested documentation from September 13, 2013 (a completed updated Florida Master Site File Resource Group Form and relevant historical information) has been received and deemed sufficient for mitigating the adverse effect of the proposed abandonment. Therefore, we find that the proposed undertaking, as mitigated, would not affect historic properties.

If you have any questions, require additional information regarding this proceeding, or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-245-0302, or email me at woodd@stb.dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diana F. Wood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Diana" being more prominent.

Diana F. Wood
Environmental Protection Specialist
Office of Environmental Analysis

cc: Robin Jackson, Florida State Historic Sites Specialist
Louis Gitomer, Attorney for CSXT



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Ms. JoAnn Burroughs
CSX, Manager Network Services
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January 24, 2014

Re: SHPO Project #: 2012-02212C
Requested Information Received by SHPO: December 23, 2013
106-Surface Transportation Board - CSX Transportation, Inc.:
Mitigation for Proposed Abandonment, STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub No. 718X)
Florida Northern Railroad Company, Inc.
Discontinuance of Service, STB Docket AB-307 (Sub-No. 1X)
11.62 Mile Rail Line between Milepost AR 716.88, High Springs and
Railroad Milepost AR 726.69 at Newberry, and between Milepost ARB 717.11 at
High Springs and Milepost ARB 718.92 at High Springs, Alachua County

Dear Ms. Burroughs:

Our office reviewed the referenced property for possible impact to historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places, or otherwise of historical, architectural or archaeological value. The review was conducted in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended and 36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties.

On September 13, 2013, this office requested documentation (completion of an updated Florida Master Site File Resource Group Form, and relevant historical information) in order to mitigate the adverse effect of abandonment of the above referenced sections of the National Register eligible Savannah, Florida, and Western Railroad, 8AL5104. This office has received the requested information and finds the documents to be satisfactory.

For any questions concerning our comments, please contact Robin Jackson, Historic Sites Specialist, by phone at 850.245.6333, or by electronic mail at robin.jackson@dos.myflorida.com. We appreciate your continued interest in protecting Florida's historic properties.

Sincerely

Robert F. Bendus, Director
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