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Surface Transportation Board
395 E. St. SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: AHC 2019-0819
Docket No AB 463 (Sub-No. 2X)
Environmental Assessment
Alabama Railroad Company
Abandonment Exemption
Multiple Counties

Dear Sir or Madam:

Upon review of the above-referenced project forwarded by your office, we have determined that project activities will have no effect on any cultural resources listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places provided all structures (bridges, raised beds, etc.) remain in place. Therefore, we concur with the proposed project activities with this stipulation.

However, should artifacts or archaeological features be encountered during project activities, work shall cease and our office shall be consulted immediately. Artifacts are objects made, used or modified by humans. They include but are not excluded to arrowheads, broken pieces of pottery or glass, stone implements, metal fasteners or tools, etc. Archaeological features are stains in the soil that indicate disturbance by human activity. Some examples are post holes, building foundations, trash pits and even human burials. **This stipulation shall be placed on the construction plans to insure contractors are aware of it.**

We appreciate your commitment to helping us preserve Alabama's historic archaeological and architectural resources. Should you have any questions, please contact Amanda McBride at 334.230.2692 or Amanda.McBride@ahc.alabama.gov. Have the AHC tracking number referenced above available and include it with any future correspondence.

Sincerely,

Lee Anne Wofford
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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