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Re: Project Review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and/or the Antiquities Code of Texas

THC Tracking #202504905

Date: 01/31/2025

Green Eagle Railroad (Permit 31809)

800 Ritchie Road

Eagle Pass, TX 78852

Description: Green Eagle Railroad, LLC (GER) proposes to construct a new rail line, carrier facilities, and two bridges spanning the Rio Grande. Project is being permitted by the Surface Transportation Board.

Dear Andrew Papas:

Thank you for your submittal regarding the above-referenced project. This response represents the comments of the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission (THC), pursuant to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Antiquities Code of Texas.

The review staff, led by Justin Kockritz and Mary Galindo, has completed its review and has made the following determinations based on the information submitted for review:

Above-Ground Resources

- THC/SHPO concurs with information provided.
- No historic properties are present or affected by the project as proposed. However, if historic properties are discovered or unanticipated effects on historic properties are found, work should cease in the immediate area; work can continue where no historic properties are present. Please contact the THC's History Programs Division at 512-463-5853 to consult on further actions that may be necessary to protect historic properties.

- Property/properties are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Archeology Comments

- This draft report is acceptable. To facilitate review and make project information and final reports available through the Texas Archeological Sites Atlas, we appreciate submission of tagged pdf copies of the final report including one restricted version with all site location information (if applicable), and one public version with all site location information redacted; an online abstract form submitted via the abstract tab on eTRAC; and survey area shapefiles submitted via the shapefile tab on eTRAC. For questions on how to submit these please visit our video training series at: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLONbbv2pt4cog5t6mCqZVaEAX3d0MkgQC> Please note that these steps are required for projects conducted under a Texas Antiquities Permit.

We have the following comments: The THC History Programs Division, led by Justin Kockritz, concurs with the findings of the Phase I Historic Resources Survey that all of the surveyed properties within the project's Area of Potential Effect are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and therefore that there are no historic properties affected by the project as proposed. Regarding archeology, please specify in the final report whether site revisit forms were filed at TARL. The THC concurs that the portions of sites 41MV107, 41MV108, 41MV203, and 41MV277 that are within the APE are not eligible for listing on the NRHP or for designation as an SAL. The THC also concurs that further consultation is necessary when project design plans are finalized, and the specific areas of deeper impacts are known, the Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis will develop a plan to investigate deeply buried archaeological deposits through mechanically assisted excavation in coordination with the THC.

We look forward to further consultation with your office and hope to maintain a partnership that will foster effective historic preservation. Thank you for your cooperation in this review process, and for your efforts to preserve the irreplaceable heritage of Texas. If the project changes, or if new historic properties are found, please contact the review staff. If you have any questions concerning our review or if we can be of further assistance, please email the following reviewers: justin.kockritz@thc.texas.gov, Mary.Galindo@thc.texas.gov.

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Sincerely,



for Joseph Bell, State Historic Preservation Officer
Executive Director, Texas Historical Commission

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