



RE: Railroad Abandonment in Botetourt County (DHR File No. 2013-1444) 

Joshua Wayland to: Kampinen, Andrea (DHR)

04/16/2014 05:38 PM

Hi Andrea,

Thank you for following up with this. My understanding is that Norfolk Southern resubmitted the archive search request form and the shapefiles for just the segment of the line that would be abandoned on March 20. I just spoke with Bill Mullens, who is now representing the railroad. He says that he received an email on April 9 from the archives folks saying that the shapefile is invalid. I have to admit that I am not sure what this means; it's not clear if there is something wrong with the shapefile that is preventing them from opening it or if it was submitted incorrectly. I have asked that Norfolk Southern resubmit the shapefile again to the DHR archives section. Hopefully this can be done quickly to facilitate your review, but unfortunately, there seems to be a bit of a lag time in getting the shapefiles passed along between the various people involved. In the meantime, if you would like additional .pdf maps of the area, I can try to put them together for you. Or, if you can think of anything else I can do to help you get more information, please let me know!

I am sorry that the cement company has been pressing you on this. I can mention to the railroad that this may slow the review process; maybe they can pass the message along. I don't have any contacts with the cement company personally, as our project is only related to the abandonment of the rail line.

Thanks again for your time!

Josh

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"Kampinen, Andrea (DHR)"

Thanks again for this Josh. I have this...

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Thanks again for this Josh. I have this on my list to look at by the end of the week. When I spoke with Mr. Wibish last month, he said that he was going to get the archives search redone for the rail corridor for just the area is that going to be abandoned. Did you get any updates on what happened with that? Should I assume that option was just aborted? To help you guys out, I'll see if I can find this in our system to see what I need to see - given the smaller map you provided as well.

FYI, the concrete company is pressing us for answers on this, probably due to the Board's decision as you mention below. It's fine, we get this a lot, but the more they press us, the less time I have to actually review this (i.e. this week) and make a decision. Perhaps you could remind them that in 106, the federal agency runs the show. Just a thought.

Many thanks,

Andrea

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From: Joshua.Wayland@stb.dot.gov [mailto:Joshua.Wayland@stb.dot.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2014 4:11 PM
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Subject: Railroad Abandonment in Botetourt County (DHR File No. 2013-1444)

Andrea,

I apologize for adding to your inbox in what I know is a busy month for you, but I wanted to make sure you have a copy of the results of the DHR archive search that Norfolk Southern sent me in the railroad abandonment in Botetourt County [STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 351X)]. It is in the attachment labelled EI-20418 and is also on the Surface Transportation Board website under the same Environmental Correspondence number. Based on my reading of the map on page 5, there do not appear to be any identified resources in the area of the abandonment, which is the northwesternmost portion (approximately 0.71 miles) of the yellow line. For comparison, I have also attached a larger scale map of the abandonment. These results (along with the previous analysis of the Roanoke Cement facility expansion in DHR File No. 2011-3603) is what led the Board to make a finding of no historic properties affected in this abandonment case. As I mentioned on the phone, however, the Board also imposed a condition that prevents the railroad from conducting any salvage until the Section 106 process is complete. This is to give you time to object to our finding if you have concerns. Finally, I have attached the Final Environmental Assessment for the case for your reference. I hope this is helpful; thanks as always for your time.

(See attached file: EI-20418.pdf)(See attached file: Site Map (AB 290 351X).pdf)(See attached file: Final Environmental Assessment (AB-290-351X).pdf)

Best regards,

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