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**Re: Docket No. AB-1252X (Sub-No. 1X)
Eastern Idaho Railroad, L.L.C. – Abandonment
Exemption – In Bonneville County, Idaho
SHPO Rev. No. 2020-174**

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for consulting with our office on the above referenced project. We understand the scope of work includes abandoning 0.64 miles of the “Old Butte Main Line” within the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho. Within the project’s area of potential effects (APE) there is one recorded historic property, the “Union Pacific Railroad,” IHSI #19-18172.

In order to be in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (as outlined in § 36 CFR 800), a cultural resources survey must be conducted to identify and evaluate historic properties that may be affected by the project. This would include documenting all buildings or structures that are 45-years of age within the APE (e.g. steel truss bridge and plate girder bridge). Work will need to be conducted by a 36 CFR Part 61- qualified architectural historian. This work is required by the [Surface Transportation Board \(STB\)](#) per § 49 CFR 1105.8.

For more information regarding SHPO reporting and documentation standards, please review [Consulting with the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office](#). This survey must be conducted by a qualified individual or firm meeting the Secretary of the Interior’s Professional Qualifications for [architectural history](#), an available list of consultants is available on our [website](#). Inclusion on these lists should not be viewed as an endorsement or recommendation by our office; ultimately it is up to the hirer to confirm that the consultant meets the [Secretary of the Interior’s Professional Qualification Standards](#).

If you have any questions or the scope of work changes, please contact me via phone or email at 208.488.7463 or ashley.brown@ishs.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ashley Brown', with a stylized, cursive script.

Ashley Brown
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