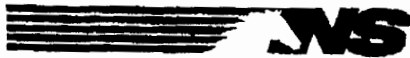


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Based upon available information, federally listed species are not likely to occur on the project site.

April 23, 2013

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Sandra S. Tucker
Sandra S. Tucker, Field Supervisor

5/30/13
Date

ATHENS, GA

RE: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 343X), Central of Georgia Railroad Company - Abandonment - in Newton County, Georgia

Dear Sir/Madam:

Central of Georgia Railroad Company (CGA) plans to request authority from the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to abandon a segment of rail line between E 65.80 and E 80.70 in Newton County, Georgia. CGA is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR).

Enclosed is a Combined Environmental and Historic Report (Report) which describes the proposed abandonment and other pertinent information. A map of the proposed track abandonment can be found in **Appendix A** of this report. **Appendix B** of this report lists the various agencies receiving it.

The railroad does not anticipate adverse environmental impacts; however, if you identify any adverse environmental effects please describe the actions that would assist in alleviating them. Please provide us with a written response indicating any concerns or lack thereof, which will be included in the Report and sent to the Surface Transportation Board (STB).

This Report is being provided so that you may submit information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental analysis of the proceeding. If you believe any of the information is incorrect, if you think pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the Board's Environmental Review process, please contact the Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) by telephone at (202) 245-0295 or by mail to:

Surface Transportation Board,
395 E Street, S.W., Room 1106
Washington DC 20423-0001

Please refer to the above Docket when contacting the STB. Applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action. For this reason your written comments (with a copy to us) would be appreciated within three weeks.

Your comments will be considered by the Board in evaluating the environmental impacts of the contemplated action. In order for us to consider your input prior to filing with the STB, we must receive your comments within three weeks. Please provide information to LaWada Poarch by email at Lawada.Poarch@nscorp.com, or by mail to:

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