



Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office

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Date: January 4, 2023

File: 2223-4212MO-11

RE: STB, V and S Railway Abandon line in Franklin County, Missouri

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Alan Tabachnick

395 E Street, S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Sent via email

Dear Mr. Tabachnick,

The Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office has received notification and accompanying information for the proposed project listed as STB, V and S Railway Abandon line in Franklin County, Missouri in the form of a Final Environmental Assessment with a service date of November 17, 2022.

According to our records, the Osage Nation did not receive the Draft EA for this proceeding stated to have been served on October 28, 2022. The V and S Railway is located within Osage ancestral territory, with the proposed portion to be abandoned from milepost 61.89 at Union to milepost 71.6 at Beaufort being within close proximity to a known Osage ancestral trail. **The Osage Nation requests that a cultural resources survey be conducted for this project.**

In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, (NHPA) [54 U.S.C. § 300101 et seq.] 1966, undertakings subject to the review process are referred to in 54 U.S.C. § 302706 (a), which clarifies that historic properties may have religious and cultural significance to Indian tribes. Additionally, Section 106 of NHPA requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties (36 CFR Part 800) as does the National Environmental Policy Act (43 U.S.C. 4321 and 4331-35 and 40 CFR 1501.7(a) of 1969).

The Osage Nation has a vital interest in protecting its historic and ancestral cultural resources. **The Osage Nation anticipates reviewing and commenting on the requested Phase I cultural resources survey report for the proposed STB, V and S Railway Abandon line in Franklin County, Missouri.**

Should you have any questions or need any additional information please feel free to contact me at the number listed below. Thank you for consulting with the Osage Nation on this matter.

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Archaeologist

cc: Danielle Gosselin, Director, Office of Environmental Analysis.