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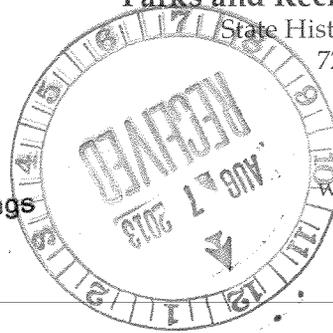
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RE: SHPO Case No. 11-0636

Bailey Branch of the UPRR Abandonment Proj (Docket No. AB-33 Sub-No. 257 and AB-986 Sub-No. 1 (Union Pacific)

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Surface Transportation Board/UPRR/WPRR

Multiple legals, Various, Benton County

Dear Ms. Brown:

We have received a letter from Mr. Raymond Allamong, Senior Manager Rail Line Planning (UPRR), dated July 11, 2013, regarding the above-identified project, addressing our office's concerns that UPRR's intended salvage and removal of existing structure along the segment of railroad scheduled for transfer to Benton County would represent an adverse effect to this historic resource. In this letter, Mr. Allamong indicates that Union Pacific agrees to transfer this right-of-way to Benton County intact, with the bridge structures and rail structures intact. We very much appreciate that decision. In light of this information, our office believes that the issues of possible adverse effects are resolved, and that the proposed undertaking will result in No Adverse Effect to historic resources, and we recommend approval of the transfer.

Unless there are changes to the project, this concludes the requirement for consultation with our office under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (per 36 CFR Part 800) for above-ground historic resources. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments or need additional assistance.

Sincerely,

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- cc: Mack Shumate Jr., Union Pacific Railroad
- Linda Modrell, Benton County Board of Commissioners
- Robert Melbo, ODOT Rail
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Mr. Roger Roper
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Re: SHPO Case No. 11-0636, UPRR/WPRR Abandonment and Discontinuance in Benton County, OR, AB-33 (Sub-No. 257X) and AB-986 (Sub-No.1X).

Dear Mr. Roper:

In a May 13, 2011 letter to the STB (attached), Rosalind Keeney of your office summarized the SHPO's concerns that UP demolition activities on the Bailey and Hull Oakes lines (hereafter called the "Lines") could cause an adverse effect on two types of properties eligible for, or already on, the National Register. The first property type was the trestles on the Lines. The second was the collection of track spurs serving the already listed Hull-Oakes lumber mill. In light of those concerns, the STB's September 9, 2011 released Decision and Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment (also attached) noted the potential for UP salvage of structures and prohibited disposition of the right of way, track, and structures until completion of the Section 106 process.

As UP believes Linda Modrell of Benton County has already outlined to you, UP and the county are about to execute a sale agreement that will transfer the right of way and bridge structures intact. Second, UP is willing to forego salvage of its track structure at Dawson from the first turnout leading into the Hull-Oakes mill to the end of the line and



transfer that material at no charge to either the county or to Hull-Oakes if either party is both inclined and able to take the responsibility for it.

In light of the above, UP requests that your office notify the STB that UP sale of the right of way and bridge structures to Benton County will resolve its concerns and that the SHPO now recommends to the Board a finding of no adverse effect, thus leading to removal of the condition and an STB green light to proceed with sale.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Raymond Allamong". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Raymond Allamong

Senior Manager Rail Line Planning
