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Surface Transportation Board, Office of Economic
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Subject: STB Finance Docket No. 34836, Arizona Eastern Railroad—Construction and Operation—In Graham County, Arizona: Notification of Additional Adverse Effects and Request for Review and Comments on Draft Supplement (BLM AZ 410--08-023)

As Agency Official for purposes of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended in 1992 and pursuant 36 CFR 800.4, I write to inform your organization the Surface Transportation Board (STB), that BLM AZ Gila Districts Cultural Resource Specialist has reviewed WestLand Resources Inc, report titled *A Class III Cultural Resources Inventory of the Arizona Eastern Railroad Extension of Service Right of Way near Solomonville, Graham Country, Arizona* (BLM AZ 410--08-023), and have determined that "No Historic Properties (will be) Affected" on properties managed by the Safford Field Office.

This determination comes after reviewing this document and comparing "Segments 1, 2 and 3" with current land status maps and finding that none of these locations are near land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Beyond this the BLM wishes to make no further comment on this portion of the project as none of these Segments are on or near BLM managed lands.

Based on the assessment of this report, it is understood that this undertaking will have "adverse effects" on historic properties; however, these properties as defined within the scope of this document are on private property and none of this undertaking is on or near BLM managed lands. As a result of this the BLM defers to the State Historic Preservation Officer in resolving this undertaking. In the view of the Cultural Resource Specialist, STB appears to have in good faith entered into resolving these effects as per 36 CFR 800.6.

Should you have any questions please contact Mr. Daniel McGrew, Cultural Resource Specialist/Archaeologist, at 928-348-4466.

Sincerely,

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