



HEI-26479

## Oklahoma Archeological Survey

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

May 10, 2019

Surface Transportation Board  
ATTN: Diana Wood  
Case Control Unit  
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: OAS FY19-1913 BNSF Proposes Abandonment Exemption of Railway Line in Pawnee County, Oklahoma: Between Mileposts 6.47 and 7.21.  
Docket No. AB (Sub-No. 498X)  
Legal Description: Portions of Section 31, T22N, R5E, Pawnee County, Oklahoma.

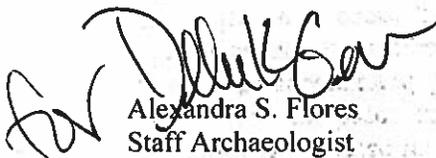
Dear Ms. Wood:

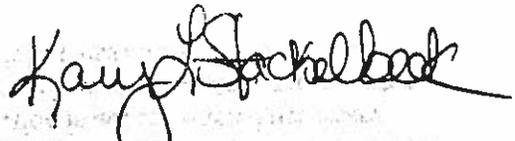
The Community Assistance Program staff of the Oklahoma Archeological Survey has reviewed the above referenced project in order to identify areas that may potentially contain prehistoric or historic archeological materials (historic properties). The location of your project has been crosschecked with the state site files containing approximately 26,000 archaeological sites, which are currently recorded for the state of Oklahoma. No Sites are listed as occurring within your project area, and based on the topographic and hydrologic setting, no archaeological materials are likely to be encountered. Thus an archaeological field inspection is not considered necessary. Should Construction expose buried archaeological materials such as chipped stone tools, pottery, bone, historic crockery, glass, metal items or building materials, please contact this office at (405) 325-7211.

This environmental review and evaluation is done in cooperation with the State Historic Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society. The responsible federal agency or their official delegate must also have a letter from that office to document consultation pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

In addition to our review comments, under 36CFR Part 800.3 you are reminded of your responsibility to consult with the appropriate Native American tribe/groups to identify any concerns they may have pertaining to this undertaking and potential impacts to properties of traditional and/or ceremonial value.

Sincerely,

  
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State Archaeologist

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