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DATE: 06 – October – 16

TO: Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
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PROJECT: Docket No. AB 55 (Sub NO. 763X), Logan County, West Virginia.

Ms. Wood:

The Tribal Historic Preservation Office of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI THPO) accepts the invitation to comment on this proposed section 106 activity under §36CFR800.

It is the opinion of the EBCI THPO that no cultural resources important to the Cherokee people should be adversely impacted by this proposed federal undertaking. As such, this proposed undertaking may proceed as planned. The BCI THPO requests to be updated as to the future status of this segment of rail, i.e. development or trail-building activities, so as to allow us the opportunity to comment. In the event that project design plans change, or cultural resources or human remains are inadvertently discovered during site prep and construction phase, the EBCI THPO requests that all work cease and be notified so we may continue the nation-to-nation consultation process as stipulated under §36CFR800.

If we can be of further service, or if you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact me at (828) 359-6854.

Sincerely,

Holly Austin
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