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In future correspondence please refer to:

Log: 022306-03-STB
Property: BNSF Abandonment Hardel Spur (AB-06 Sub#448X)
Re: Review Comments, Historic Report

Dear Mr. Strickland, Jr.:

Thank you for contacting the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP). The abandonment of the BNSF Hardel Spur in Olympia, Washington, materials have been reviewed on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer under provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended) and 36 CFR Part 800. My review is based upon documentation contained in your communication.

All of the information contained in the Historic Report (Section II of the submitted materials) provides a contextual overview of the proposed abandonment but fails to analyze the nature of the resource itself and the effects of the abandonment on cultural resources in the area. All of the information provided by this agency was reported accurately and in an unbiased manner, yet none of the recommendations appear to have been acted upon. As the regulatory agency overseeing the protection of cultural resources in the State of Washington, a detailed cultural resources assessment of the proposed undertaking is required before concurrence under Section 106 can be provided by DAHP. As mentioned in previous correspondence, we look forward to the completion of the cultural resources survey for this project.

Please note that DAHP has developed a set of cultural resource reporting guidelines. You can obtain a copy of these guidelines from our Web site. Additionally, a list of qualified consultants (meeting standards of professionalism established by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior for archaeology, architecture, history, and/or historic preservation) that could complete the cultural resources assessment for your project is also available on our Web site. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment.

Sincerely,

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