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RE: Question Regarding a Rail line Abandonment
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Diana,

It appears that this would be a "No Historic Properties Affected" finding that we would concur with if that finding would be provided to us for consultation.

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From: Diana.Wood@stb.dot.gov [mailto:Diana.Wood@stb.dot.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 1:13 PM
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Mr. Jones:

I'm working with Union Pacific (UP) on a 0.2-mile rail line abandonment in Polk County Iowa. UP filed its application with the Board in February 2010, and I prepared an environmental assessment shortly thereafter (based on agency scoping and information provided by UP). We did not here back from a number of agencies during the 15-day comment period, so imposed a number of conditions, including a Section 106 condition (see page 4 of the attached EA) that required UP to further consult with your office.

Last Friday, UP sent a letter to the Board signifying that it received concurrence from your office and that the Section 106 process had been completed. The letter concluded that there were no "no outstanding Section 106 issues." My question is whether your concurrence is based on a "no adverse effect" finding or a "no historic properties affected" finding. I believe it would be the latter, given that the railroad has indicated there are no structures on the line that are 50 years old or older, but, do not want to make the wrong assumption when writing up my recommendation to the Board to remove the Section 106 condition. Could you please let me know as soon as possible, as I know the railroad would like to complete the abandonment process soon.

Thanks so much!

Diana

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