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Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
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Re: Southeast Shortlines, Inc., d/b/a Thermal Belt Railway ("TBRY") and Rutherford Railroad Development Corporation ("RRDC") Abandonment in Rutherford County, STB Docket No. AB-568 (Sub-No. 2X) and STB Docket No. AB-567 (Sub No. 2X)

To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is filed in accordance with 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.29(d)(2) and (h) and the Decision and Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment filed by the Surface Transportation Board on January 15, 2016 in the above-referenced proceeding. RRDC and the Town of Forest City ("Town") have entered into an agreement dated March 24, 2016 ("Trail Use Agreement") for interim trail use of the rail line subject to the above-referenced proceeding, which extends approximately 4.97 miles from railroad milepost 175.5 near Alexander Mills, North Carolina, and railroad milepost 180.47, near Spindale, North Carolina, together with a portion of the Bostic Spur which runs from approximately the northern right of way line of U.S. 74 Business a distance of approximately 2,441.4' westerly to a point at or near Rail Milepost SF-407.40 and Rail Valuation Station 5343+22, in Rutherford County, North Carolina ("Premises"). A description of the Premises is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and a map depicting the Premises is attached hereto as Exhibit A-1. This notice shall also serve as a certification that the Trail Use Agreement includes provisions requiring the Town fulfill the responsibilities described in 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(a)(2).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jeffrey A. Bandini'.

Jeffrey A. Bandini

cc: John Condrey (Town of Forest City)
David A. Lloyd, Esq. (RRDC)
Don McGrady (TBRY)

[contains color images]

EXHIBIT A

Segment #1 (Alexander Mills to Spindale)

BEING a railroad corridor 100 feet wide, more or less, owned by the Rutherford Railroad Development Corporation (RRDC) in Rutherford County, North Carolina, between Alexander Mills and Spindale, North Carolina, being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the centerline of a 100 foot wide railroad corridor adjoining the northerly line of that parcel of land conveyed to the Town of Alexander Mills by Norfolk Southern Railway Company in a deed recorded in Deed Book 718, Page 332, Rutherford County Registry, and beginning at Railroad Milepost 175.50 and Railway Centerline Station 9283+95.5; thence running with the centerline of the railroad corridor in a northerly and northwesterly direction for a distance of 25,970.10 feet, more or less, to a point at Railroad Milepost 180.47 and Railway Centerline Station 9543+65.6, more or less, said point being the POINT OF TERMINATION of the railroad corridor herein described, containing 59.619 acres, more or less. For informational purposes, the afore-described railroad corridor is also the railroad corridor subject to a joint notice of exemption by the RRDC and discontinuance of service by the Thermal Belt Railway (TBRY) pursuant to STB Docket No. AB-568 (Sub-No. 2X) and STB Docket No. AB-567 (Sub No. 2X).

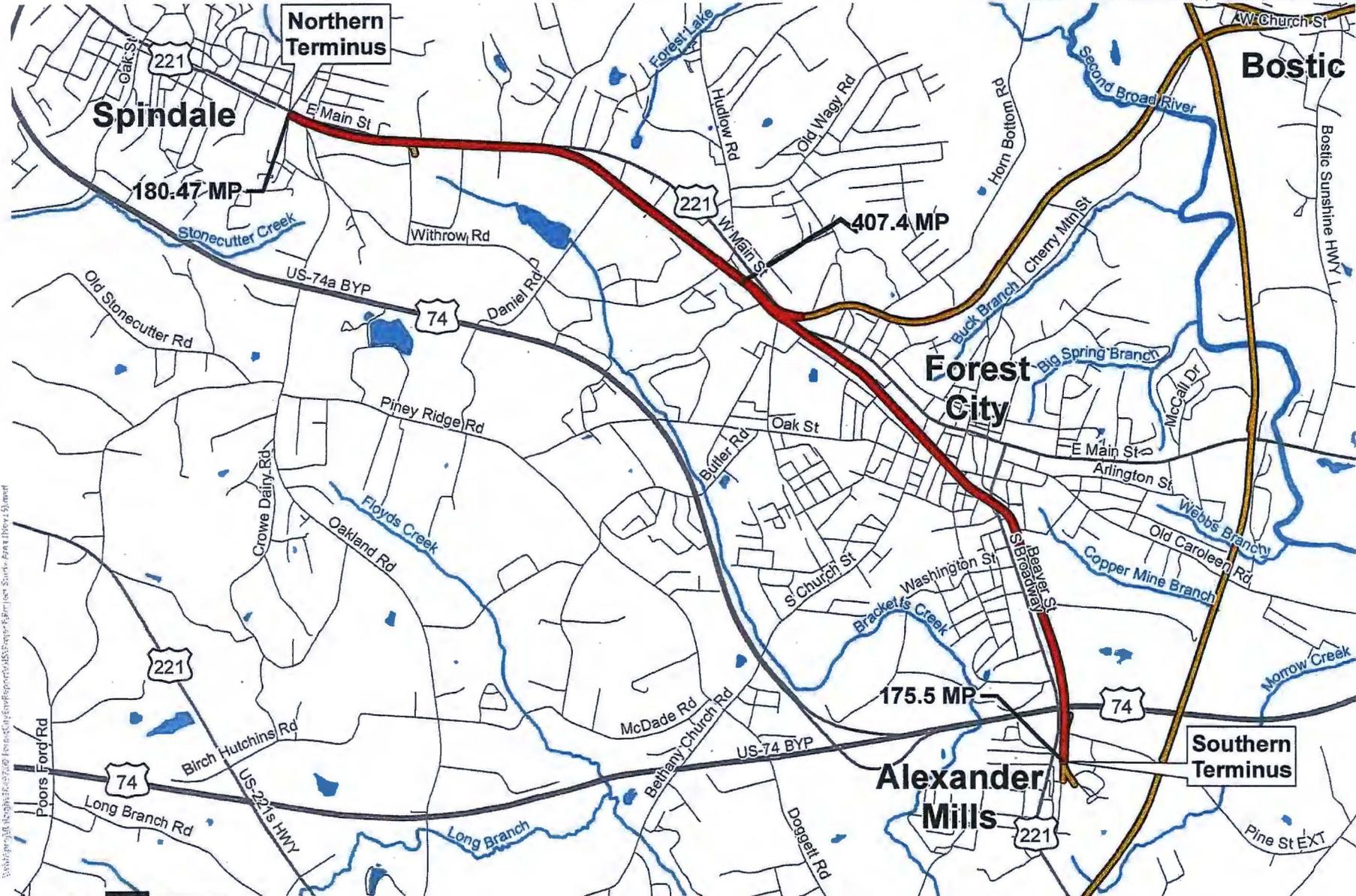
Segment #2 (Bostic Spur)

BEING a railroad corridor 200 feet in width, more or less, owned by the RRDC in Forest City, Rutherford County, North Carolina, being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a new iron pin (NIP) located at Railroad Centerline Station 5318+80.6, said NIP having NC Grid NAD'83(2011) coordinates of N: 591,531.297' E:1,141,451.051' and being located S 81°15'38" E 172.58' from NC Grid monument "RU-27" having NC Grid NAD'83(2011) coordinates of N: 591,557.514' E: 1,141,280.505', said NIP also being located N 09°10'35" E 100.00' from a NIP located near the northern edge of pavement of U.S. Hwy #74 Business, thence running with the centerline of the railroad corridor in a westerly direction a distance of 2,441.4 feet, more or less, to a point at Railroad Milepost SF-407.40 and Railway Valuation Station 5343+22, said point being the POINT OF TERMINATION of the railroad corridor herein described at its connection with the railroad corridor described above as Railroad Corridor #1 (Alexander Mills to Spindale), containing 11.21 acres, more or less.

EXHIBIT A-1

[Attached Hereto]



Forest City Railroad Abandonment | Rutherford County, NC

- Subject Rail Line
- Local Road
- Hydrology
- Existing Railroad
- Population Center
- Hydrology Feature

Study Area Figure

Source Info:
NC Transportation, NCOneMap, NC DWR