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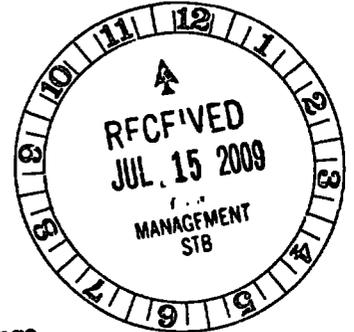
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Re: **STB Docket No. AB-551 (Sub-No. 1X), Knox & Kane Railroad –
Abandonment Exemption – Clarion, Forest, Elk, and McKean Counties,
Pennsylvania**

Dear Ms. Ruston:

Attached please find ten (10) copies of the Environmental and Historic Report in the above-captioned matter. Knox and Kane Railroad expects to file its Notice of Exemption on or shortly after August 3, 2009.

Sincerely,

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Attorney for Knox and Kane Railroad

Enclosures



**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

Docket No. AB-551 (Sub-No. 1X)

**KNOX AND KANE RAILROAD COMPANY
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Combined Environmental and Historic Report

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The Knox and Kane Railroad Company (Knox and Kane) submits this Combined Environmental and Historic Report pursuant to 49 CFR § 1105.7 (e) and 49 CFR § 1105.8 (d), respectively, for an exempt abandonment of the Knox and Kane from Milepost 95.3 to Milepost 165.2, a total distance of 69.9 miles, located in the above-listed Counties of Pennsylvania.

COMBINED ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORT

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1.0 Introduction

The Knox & Kane Railroad (the Owner), hereby submits this Combined Environmental and Historical Report in accordance with the requirements set forth in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 1105.7(e) and 1105.8(d), respectively, in association with the exempt abandonment and discontinuance of service of the Knox and Kane Railroad between mileposts 95.3 and 165.2, a total abandonment distance of 69.9 miles. The subject rail corridor (hereafter referred to as "the Line") exists in McKean, Elk, Forest and Clarion Counties, Pennsylvania. The location of the Line is depicted in Attachment 1.

The notifications sent to federal, state and local government agencies to notify them of the proposed abandonment and discontinuance of service are provided in Attachment 2. Attachment 3 provides the associated responses, as/if received.

The remainder of this report is organized to correspond with the individual paragraphs and subparts of Part 1105.7(e), which specifies the Environmental Report requirements and Part 1105.8d, which specifies the Historical Report requirements. The text from the referenced regulation is provided in italicized form immediately followed by the discussion/response in standard text.

Environmental Report

49 CFR § 1105.7 (e)

2.0 1105.7(e)(1) Proposed action and alternatives.

Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any rail line and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable, detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

The Proposed Action involves the exempt abandonment and discontinuance of service over the Knox & Kane Railroad between mileposts 95.3 and 165.2, a distance of 69.9 miles in McKean, Elk, Forest and Clarion Counties, Pennsylvania.

The abandonment of the Line will have no adverse effect on shippers. There has been no freight shipping on the Lines since the first quarter of 2006. Additionally, there has been no passenger service on the Line since prior to 2006, owing largely to the destruction of the Kinzua Bridge by tornado in 2003. No complaint regarding cessation of service has been filed, is pending or has been ruled upon during that period. There is no new

industry location foreseen within the Line vicinity that would utilize rail service to the extent that rehabilitation of the Line would be justified. After abandonment, the Knox and Kane Railroad will continue to maintain the Kane interchange with the B&P Railroad between mileposts 150.0 and 150.5, and with the Allegheny Railroad at milepost 164.7.

The Owner does not believe the site is suitable for mass transportation or utility use. The area is located within small towns and forest areas. The highest and best uses of the Line vary depending on the immediate vicinity of the specific portion of the Line. Highest and best uses may include, but are not limited to, transfer of interests to adjacent property owners, recreational, or use by local government.

A map of the Line is included as Attachment 1.

3.0 1105.7(e)(2) Transportation system.

Describe the effects of the proposed action on regional or local transportation systems and patterns. Estimate the amount of traffic (passenger or freight) that will be diverted to other transportation systems or modes as a result of the proposed action.

The proposed action will have no effect on regional or local transportation systems or patterns. No traffic currently moves over the Line and no traffic is expected to move in the future. Therefore, there will be no diversion to other modes or systems.

4.0 1105.7(e)(3) Land use.

4.1 1105.7(e)(3)(i)

Based on consultation with local and/or regional planning agencies and/or a review of the official planning documents prepared by such agencies, state whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Describe any inconsistencies.

The Commissioners of the Counties of Clarion, Forest, Elk and McKean were contacted on March 17, 2009 (see Attachment 2). Responses received from Clarion, Forest and McKean Counties are shown in Attachment 3. No response was received from Elk County within the requested 30-day comment period. The abandonment appears to be consistent with existing land use plans.

4.2 1105.7(e)(3)(ii)

Based on consultation with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, state the effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) was contacted on March 17, 2009 (see Attachment 2). No response was received from NRCS within the requested 30-day comment period. The Proposed action is not expected to impact any prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland.

4.3 1105.7(e)(3)(iii)

If the action affects land or water uses within a designated coastal zone, include the coastal zone information required by §1105.9.

The Line is not within a designated coastal zone.

4.4 1105.7(e)(3)(iv)

If the proposed action is an abandonment, state whether or not the right-of-way is suitable for alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. 10906 and explain why.

The Line is not suitable for other public purposes including roads, highways, mass transportation, conservation, energy production or transmission because the Line is located within a corridor that is currently adequately serviced by existing roads and utility lines.

5.0 1105.7(e)(4) Energy.

5.1 1105.7(e)(4)(i)

Describe the effect of the proposed action on transportation of energy resources.

There will be no effect on the transportation of energy resources.

5.2 1105.7(e)(4)(ii)

Describe the effect of the proposed action on recyclable commodities.

There will be no effect on recyclable commodities.

5.3 1105.7(e)(4)(iii)

State whether the proposed action will result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency and explain why.

There will be no effect on energy efficiency because the line is not currently nor has recently been in use..

5.4 1105.7(e)(4)(iv)

If the proposed action will cause diversions from rail to motor carriage of more than:

(A) 1,000 rail carloads a year; or

(B) An average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year for any part of the affected line, quantify the resulting net change in energy consumption and show the data and methodology used to arrive at the figure given. To minimize the production of repetitive data, the information on overall energy efficiency in §1105.7(e)(4)(iii) need not be supplied if the more detailed information in §1105.7(e)(4)(iv) is required.

There will be no rail to motor diversion as part of the proposed action.

6.0 1105.7(e)(5) Air.

6.1 1105.7(e)(5)(i)

If the proposed action will result in either:

(A) An increase in rail traffic of at least 100 percent (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least eight trains a day on any segment of rail line affected by the proposal, or

(B) An increase in rail yard activity of at least 100 percent (measured by carload activity), or

(C) An average increase in truck traffic of more than 10 percent of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on any affected road segment, quantify the anticipated effect on air emissions. For a proposal under 49 U.S.C. 10901 (or 10502) to construct a new line or reinstitute service over a previously abandoned line, only the eight train a day provision in subsection (5)(i)(A) will apply.

No increase in rail traffic, rail yard activity or truck traffic will result from the proposed action.

6.2 1105.7(e)(5)(ii)

If the proposed action affects a class I or nonattainment area under the Clean Air Act, and will result in either:

(A) An increase in rail traffic of at least 50 percent (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least three trains a day on any segment of rail line,

(B) An increase in rail yard activity of at least 20 percent (measured by carload activity), or

(C) An average increase in truck traffic of more than 10 percent of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on a given road segment, then state whether any expected increased emissions are within the parameters established by the State Implementation Plan. However, for a rail construction under 49 U.S.C. 10901 (or 49 U.S.C. 10502), or a case involving the reinstatement of service over a previously abandoned line, only the three train a day threshold in this item shall apply.

No increase in rail traffic, rail yard activity or truck traffic will result from the proposed action.

6.3 1105.7(e)(5)(iii)

If transportation of ozone depleting materials (such as nitrogen oxide and freon) is contemplated, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and spills; contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of ozone depleting materials in the event of a collision or derailment.

The proposed action will not result in the transportation of ozone depleting materials.

7.0 1105.7(e)(6) Noise.

7.1 1105.7(e)(6)(i)

If any of the thresholds identified in Section 5.1 are surpassed, state whether the proposed action will cause:

An incremental increase in noise levels of three decibels Ldn or more; or

The proposed action will not result in any increase in noise levels.

7.2 1105.7(e)(6)(ii)

An increase to a noise level of 65 decibels Ldn or greater. If so, identify sensitive receptors (e.g., schools, libraries, hospitals, residences, retirement communities, and nursing homes) in the project area, and quantify the noise increase for these receptors if the thresholds are surpassed.

The proposed action will not result in any increase in noise levels.

8.0 1105.7(e)(7) Safety.

8.1 1105.7(e)(7)(i)

Describe any effects of the proposed action on public health and safety (including vehicle delay time at railroad grade crossings).

The proposed action will not result in any negative impacts to public health or safety.

8.2 1105.7(e)(7)(ii)

If hazardous materials are expected to be transported, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; whether chemicals are being transported that, if mixed, could react to form more hazardous compounds; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and hazardous spills; the contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of hazardous materials.

The proposed action will not result in the transportation of hazardous materials.

8.3 1105.7(e)(7)(iii)

If there are any known hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous materials spills on the right-of-way, identify the location of those sites and the types of hazardous materials involved.

There are no known hazardous waste sites or hazardous materials spills along the Line.

9.0 1105.7(e)(8) Biological resources.

9.1 1105.7(e)(8)(i)

Based on consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, describe the effects.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was contacted March 17, 2009 (see Attachment 2). The response is shown in Attachment 3. The response indicates that no federally listed species are known or likely to exist within the project area.

9.2 1105.7(e)(8)(ii)

State whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected, and describe any effects.

The Natural Park Service and the Bureau of State Parks were contacted March 17, 2009 (see Attachment 2). No response was received from either the Natural Park Service or the Bureau of State Parks within the requested 30-day comment period. The proposed action is not expected to negatively impact any National or State parks or forests. A portion of the Line exists within the Allegheny National Forest. However, abandonment of the Line would tend to have a positive impact on the Allegheny Forest due to the absence of rail traffic.

10.0 1105.7(e)(9) Water.

10.1 1105.7(e)(9)(i)

Based on consultation with State water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards. Describe any inconsistencies.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) was contacted March 17, 2009 (see Attachment 2). The DEP response is shown in Attachment 3. The proposed action is compliant with applicable federal, state and local water requirements.

10.2 1105.7(e)(9)(ii)

Based on consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, state whether permits under section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) are required for the proposed action and whether any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected. Describe the effects.

The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (COE) was contacted March 17, 2009 (see Attachment 2). The COE response is included in Attachment 3. The proposed action is unlikely to impact significant wetlands or other waters of the United States.

10.3 1105.7(e)(9)(iii)

State whether permits under section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) are required for the proposed action. (Applicants should contact the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the state environmental protection or equivalent agency if they are unsure whether such permits are required.)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was contacted March 17, 2009 (see Attachment 2). No response was received from the EPA within the requested 30-day comment period. The proposed action will not require a Section 402 Permit.

11.0 1105.7(e)(10) Proposed Mitigation.

Describe any actions that are proposed to mitigate adverse environmental impacts, indicating why the proposed mitigation is appropriate.

Surficial staining was observed in the Marienville maintenance shed and roundhouse as well as in the Kane Yard. The staining is likely a result of incidental releases of oil/grease during routine maintenance of railroad equipment.

In the Village of Nansen an engine fuel tank was ruptured causing the release of an unknown amount of fuel. The Owner, if required, will evaluate this release to determine the appropriate actions necessary to meet PADEP and U.S. EPA requirements.

12.0 1105.7(e)(11) Additional Information for Rail Constructions.

The following additional information should be included for rail construction proposals (including connecting track construction):

The proposed action does not include Rail Construction

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49 CFR § 1105.8 (d)

13.0 1105.8(d)(1)

A U.S.G.S. topographic map (or an alternate map drawn to scale and sufficiently detailed to show buildings and other structures in the vicinity of the proposed action) showing the location of the proposed action, and the locations and approximate dimensions of railroad structures that are 50 years old or older and are part of the proposed action;

Attachment 1 provides the location and configuration of the entire Line (Figure 1) on a large scale USGS topographic map. Attachment 1 also provides more detailed USGS topographic maps that provide the locations and approximate dimensions of railroad structures in Marienville (Figure 2) and Lucinda (Figure 3) as well as several steel and wood trestles that are more than 50 years old.

14.0 1105.8(d)(2)

A written description of the right-of-way (including approximate widths, to the extent known), and the topography and urban and/or rural characteristics of the surrounding area.

The right-of-way varies up to a maximum width of 60-feet along track areas and additional various widths in siding areas. The Clarion Junction area also contains approximately twenty acres within the turnaround area.

The Line exists between the town of Clarion in Clarion County, Pennsylvania to a point just north of Mount Jewett in McKean County, Pennsylvania. The Line is primarily present in rural areas but also travels through small towns. The Line was constructed to be as level as possible and thus follows a winding path within the moderately hilly topography though which it exists.

15.0 1105.8(d)(3)

Good quality photographs (actual photographic prints, not photocopies) of railroad structures on the property that are 50 years old or older and of the immediately surrounding area;

Photographs of the structures are provided in Attachment 4.

16.0 1105.8(d)(4)

The date(s) of construction of the structure(s), and the date(s) and extent of any major alterations, to the extent such information is known;

The actual construction dates of the buildings are not known. However, the Lucinda and Marienville stations have each been historically restored within the past decade. The Knox and Kane offices were historically a feed/grain mill but were completely gutted and retrofitted as a modern office in the 1990s. The Roundhouse structure includes an older concrete block section (the portion greater than 50 years old) and a newer frame and steel/wood sided section which was constructed in the 1990s.

17.0 1105.8(d)(5)

A brief narrative history of carrier operations in the area, and an explanation of what, if any, changes are contemplated as a result of the proposed action;

The Line was constructed in several stages between 1881 and 1883 by Pittsburgh and Western Railroad, the Pittsburgh Bradford and Buffalo Railroad and the New York, Lake Erie and Western Railroad. The Line was eventually consolidated under the Pennsylvania and Western Railroad and in 1902 was purchased by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad operated the Line as part of the Northern Subdivision until 1982, when the newly formed Knox & Kane Railroad assumed operation. The Knox & Kane Railroad operated the Line until the first quarter of 2006 when all freight and Passenger services were halted due to declining freight deteriorating track conditions.

18.0 1105.8(d)(6)

A brief summary of documents in the carrier's possession, such as engineering drawings, that might be useful in documenting a structure that is found to be historic;

Available documents include track charts, track survey drawings, and shipping information. However, none of the referenced information depict the special buildings identified as being 50 or greater years old.

19.0 1105.8(d)(7)

An opinion (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) as to whether the site and/or structures meet the criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (36 CFR 60.4), and whether there is a likelihood of archeological resources or any other previously unknown historic properties in the project area, and the basis for these opinions (including any consultations with the State Historic Preservation Office, local historical societies or universities);

The State Historic Preservation Office (HPO) was contacted on March 17, 2009 (see Attachment 2). No Response was received from the HPO within the requested 30-day comment period. The Stations at Lucinda and Marienville may qualify for national Register of Historic Places. The Roundhouse and Knox & Kane offices in Marienville have been renovated and rebuilt to the point that they are not likely to be historically significant.

20.0 1105.8(d)(8)

A description (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) of any known prior subsurface ground disturbance or fill, environmental conditions (naturally occurring or manmade) that might affect the archeological recovery of resources (such as swampy conditions or the presence of toxic wastes), and the surrounding terrain.

No information regarding subsurface ground disturbance or fill is available.

21.0 1105.8(d)(9)

Within 30 days of receipt of the historic report, the State Historic Preservation Officer may request the following additional information regarding specified nonrailroad owned properties or groups of properties immediately adjacent to the railroad right-of-way: photographs of specified properties that can be readily seen from the railroad right-of-way (or other public rights-of-way adjacent to the property) and a written description of any previously discovered archeological sites, identifying the location and type of the site (i.e., prehistoric or native American).

Photos taken at numerous locations along the Line are available on request.

Attachment 1

Figure 1, Figure 2 & Figure 3

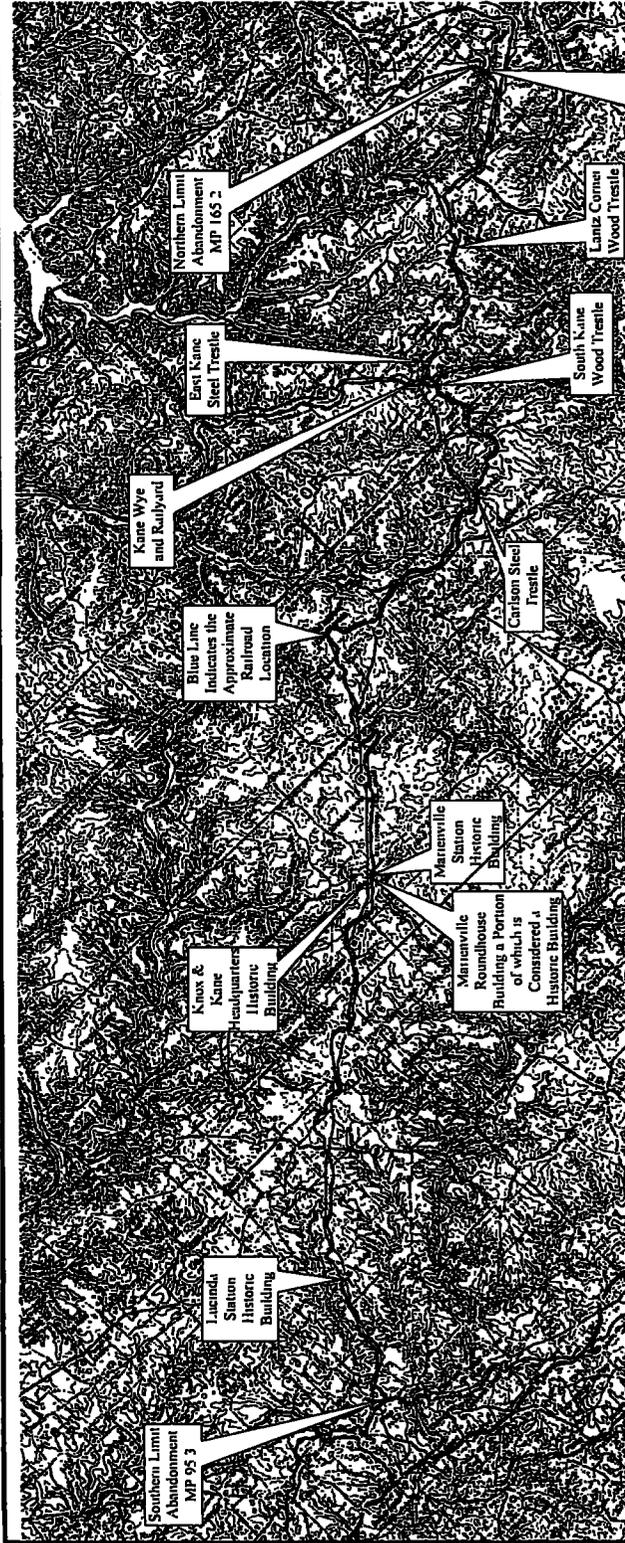
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McKean, Elk, Forest and Clarion
Counties, Pennsylvania



Reference: USGS Topographic Map
Warren, Pennsylvania, 1:250,000 Scale
Dated 1957 Photorevised 1969

County	Southern Limit	Northern Limit
Clarion	95.30	115.10
Forest	115.10	131.50
Elk	131.50	149.49
McKean	149.49	165.20

Approximate Scale in Miles



Southern Limit Abandonment MP 95.3

Lucasda Station Historic Building

Knox & Kane Headquarters Historic Building

Marionville Roundhouse Building a Portion of which is Considered a Historic Building

Marionville Station Historic Building

Blue Line Indicates the Approximate Railroad Location

Kane Wye and Railyard

East Kane Steel Trestle MP 165.2

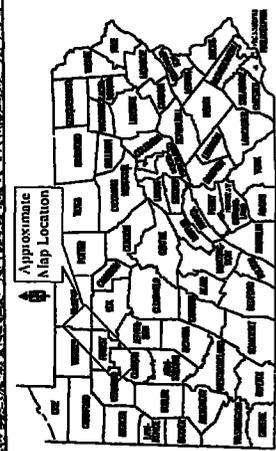
Northern Limit Abandonment MP 165.2

Carlson Steel Trestle

South Kane Wood Trestle

Lantz Carnet Wood Trestle

Former Kinzua Viaduct Historical Structure owned by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources



Approximate Map Location

Title Knox & Kane Railroad Map

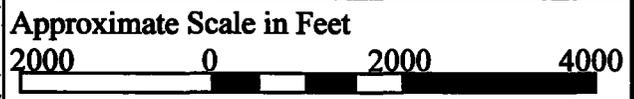
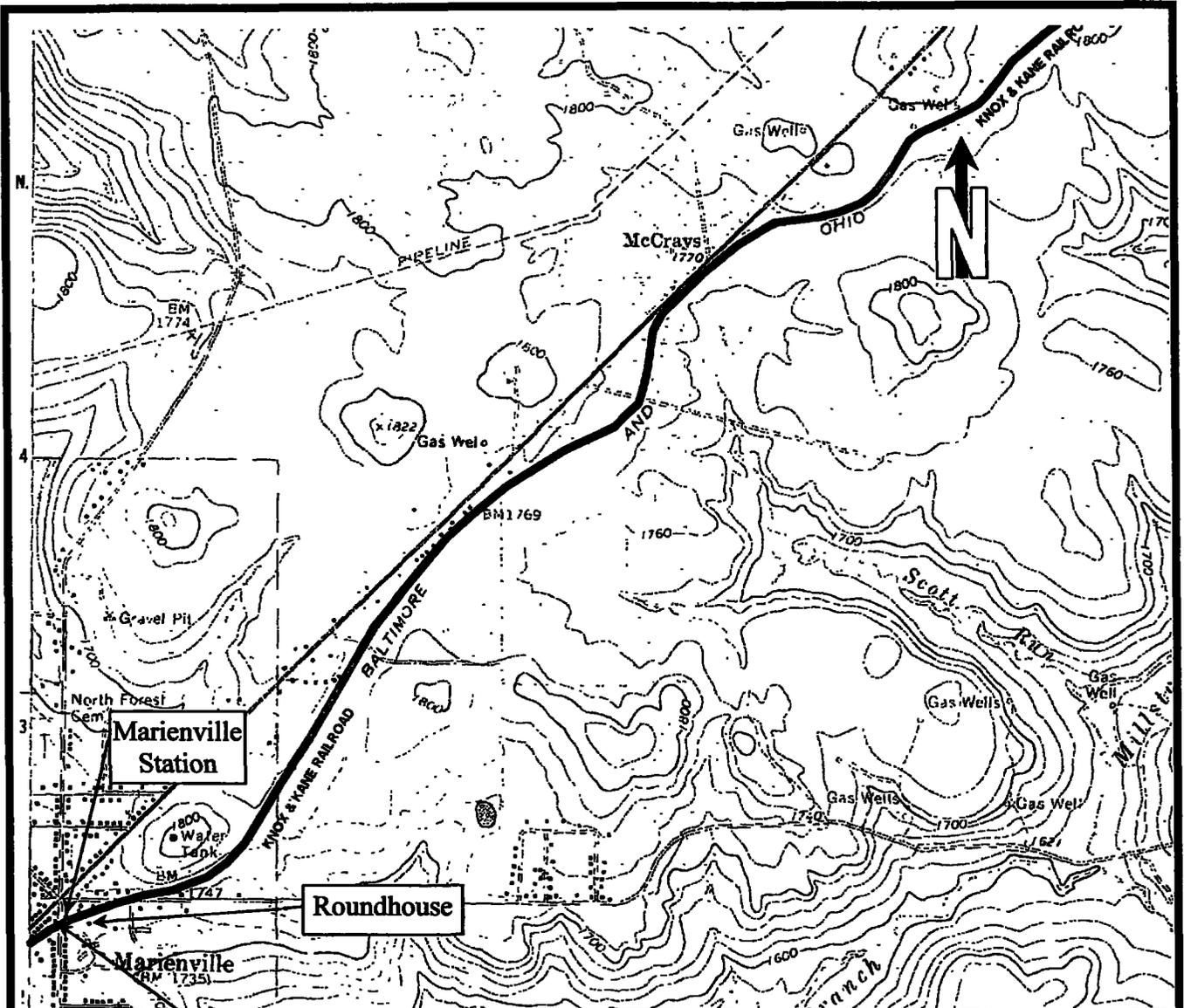
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Knox & Kane Railroad
MP-95.3 to MP 165.2

Various Municipalities
McKean, Elk, Forest and Clarion
Counties, Pennsylvania

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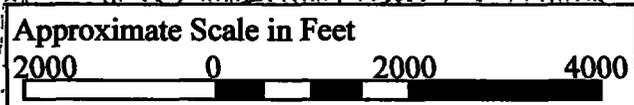
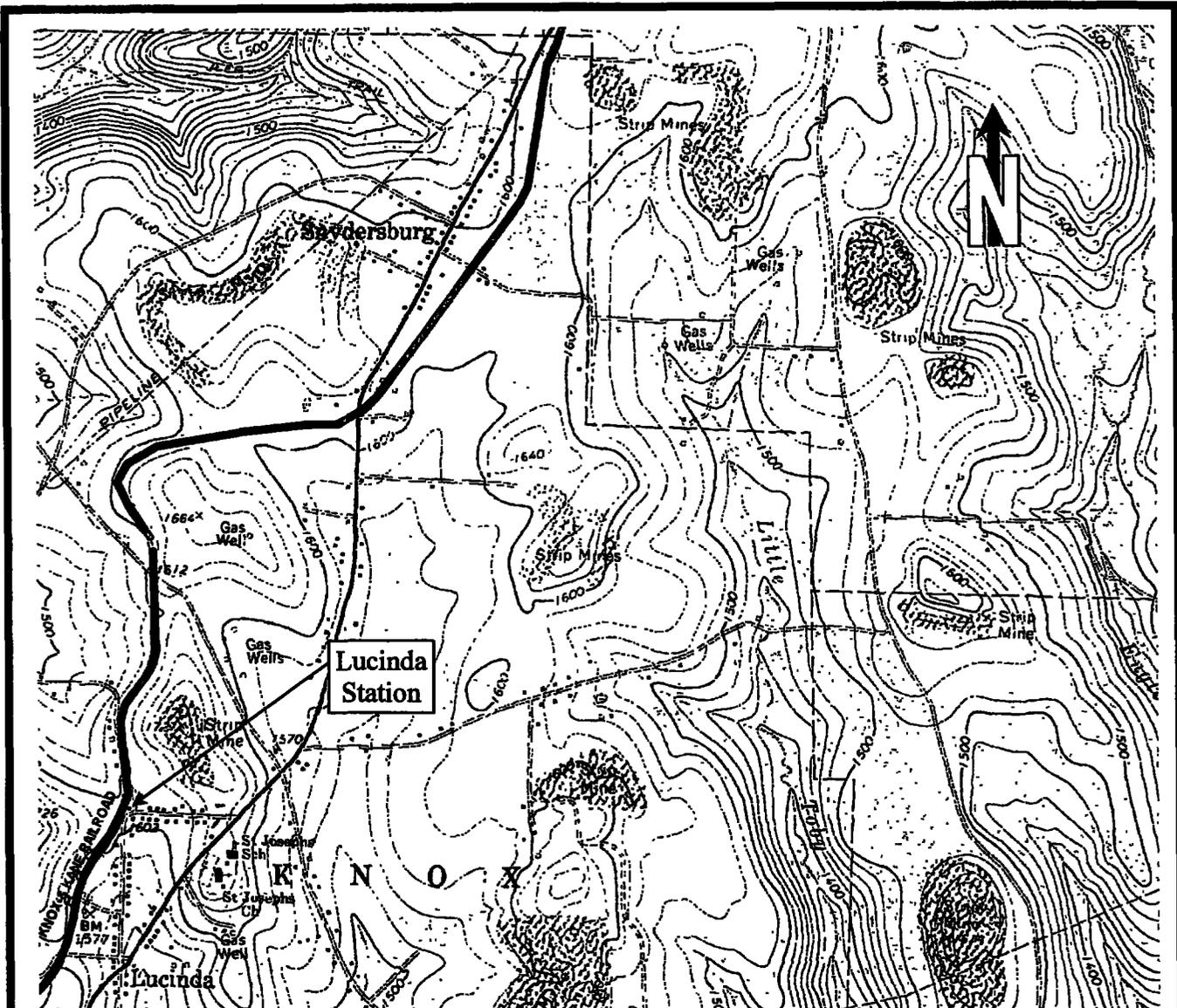
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FIGURE 2	



Reference: USGS Topographic Map
 Lucinda, PA
 7.5 Minute Series 1977

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FIGURE 3

Attachment 2

Notification Letters

**Rail Abandonment
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McKean, Elk, Forest and Clarion
Counties, Pennsylvania**



March 17, 2009

Certified Mail
Return Receipt Requested

Pennsylvania State Clearinghouse
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7th and Forster Streets
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Re: Proposed Abandonment of Knox and Kane Railroad
Counties of Clarion, Forest, Elk, McKean - Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
STB Docket No. AB-551 (Sub-no. 1X)

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be advised that the Knox and Kane Railroad Company (Knox and Kane) plans to request authority from the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to abandon the subject rail line from MP 95.3 to MP 165.2, a distance of 69.9 miles. The Knox and Kane line traverses portions of Clarion, Forest, Elk and McKean counties, PA. A map of the proposed track abandonment is attached.

Pursuant to the STB's regulations at 49 CFR Part 1152 and 40 CFR Part 1105.7, this correspondence is to serve as notification of the proposed action and to request your assistance in identifying any potential effects of this action as may be applicable to your office as indicated below. No adverse environmental impacts are anticipated. However, if you identify any adverse environmental impacts, a description of any actions that may be proposed in order to mitigate such impacts is required to be included in the combined Environmental and Historic Report (Report) which will be submitted to the STB. Please provide a written response, as applicable, that may be included in the Report. The required notifications are as follows:

- Pennsylvania State Clearinghouse: Notification only.
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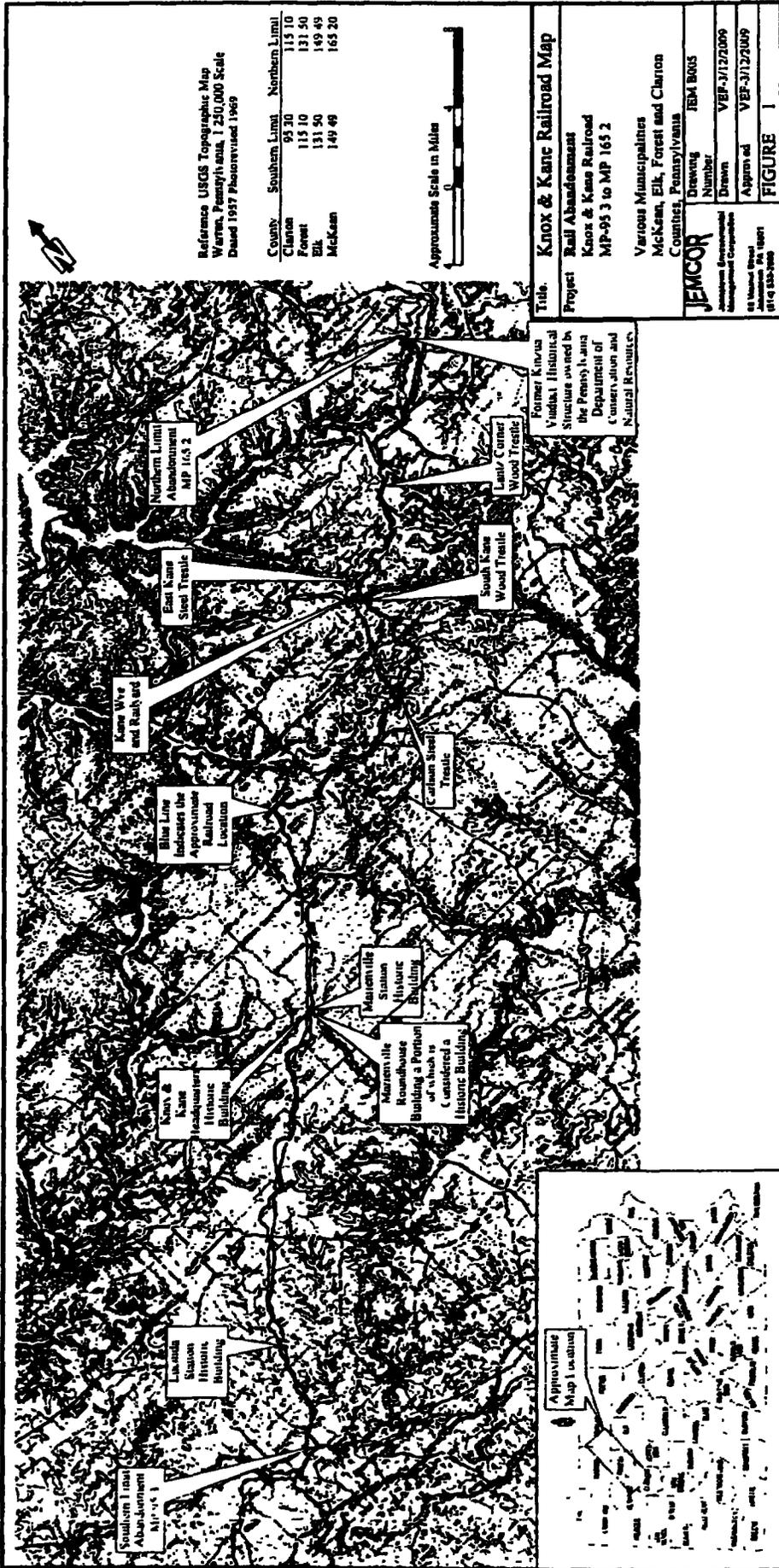
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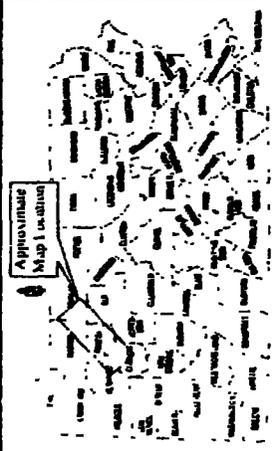
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PaDEP - Northwest Region
230 Chestnut Street
Meadville, PA 16335

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Counties of Clarion, Forest, Elk, McKean - Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
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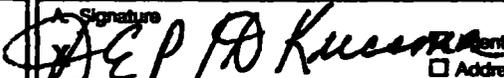


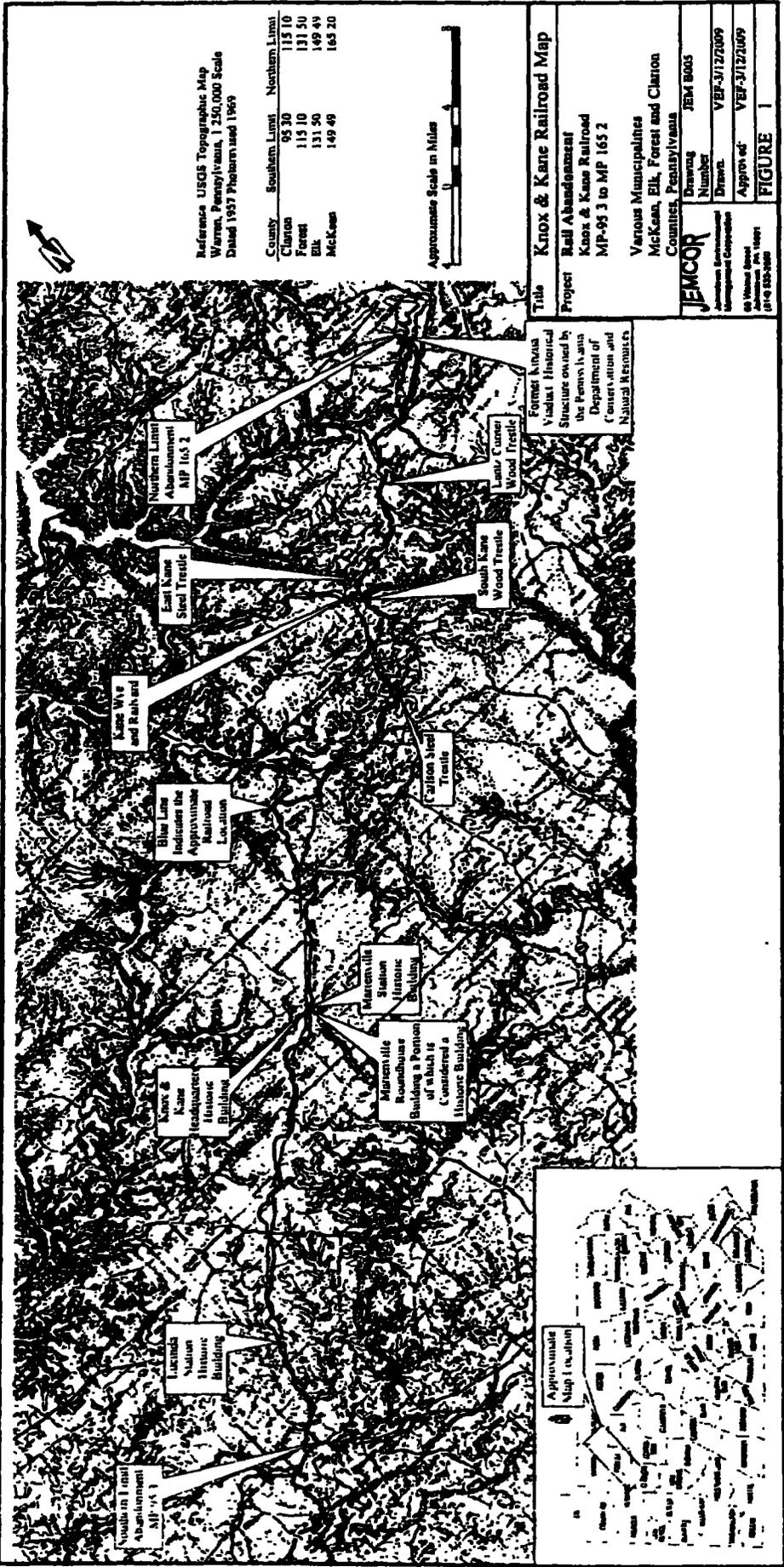
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Clarion County Courthouse
421 Main Street
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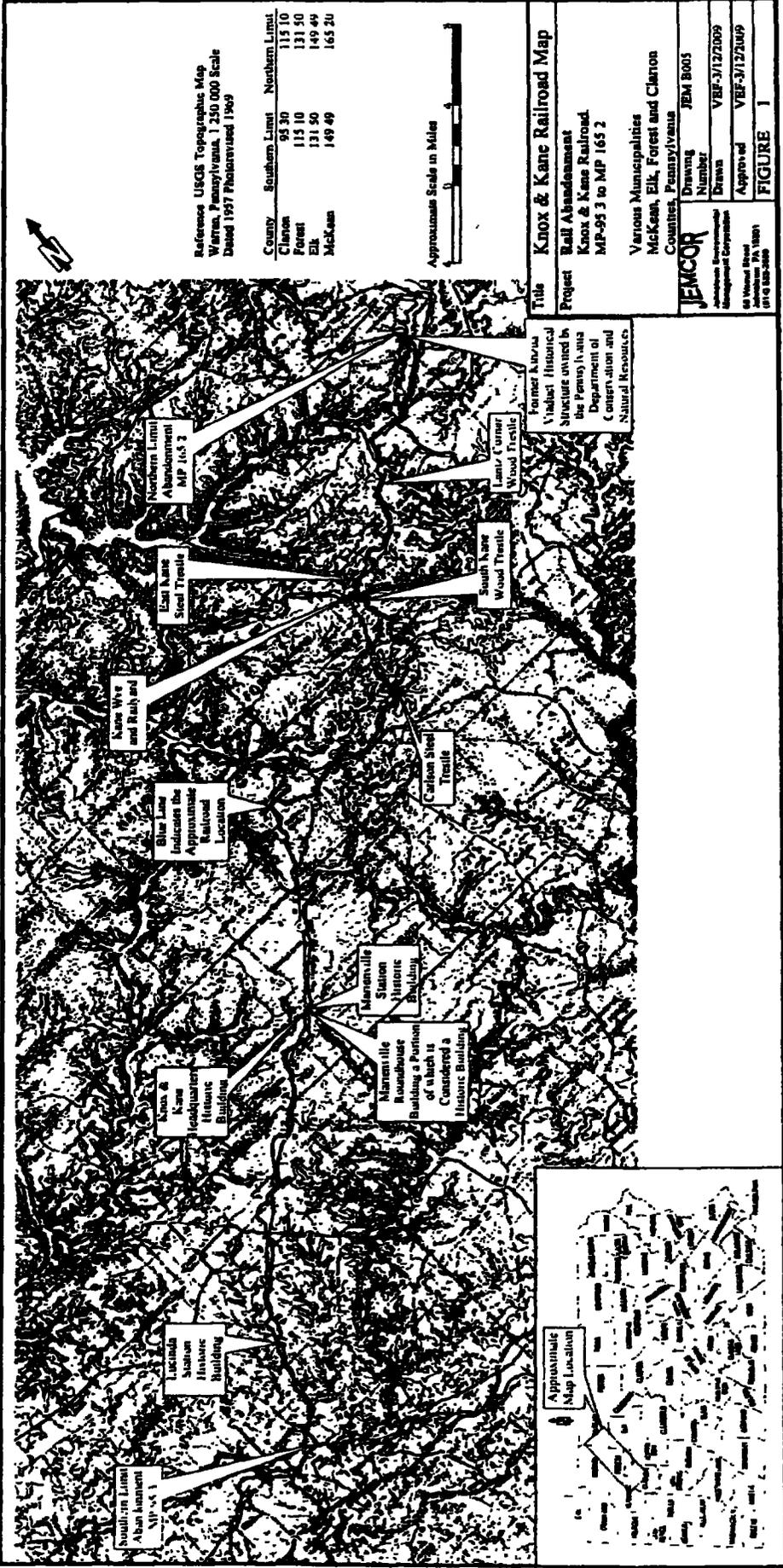
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526 Elm Street - Box 4
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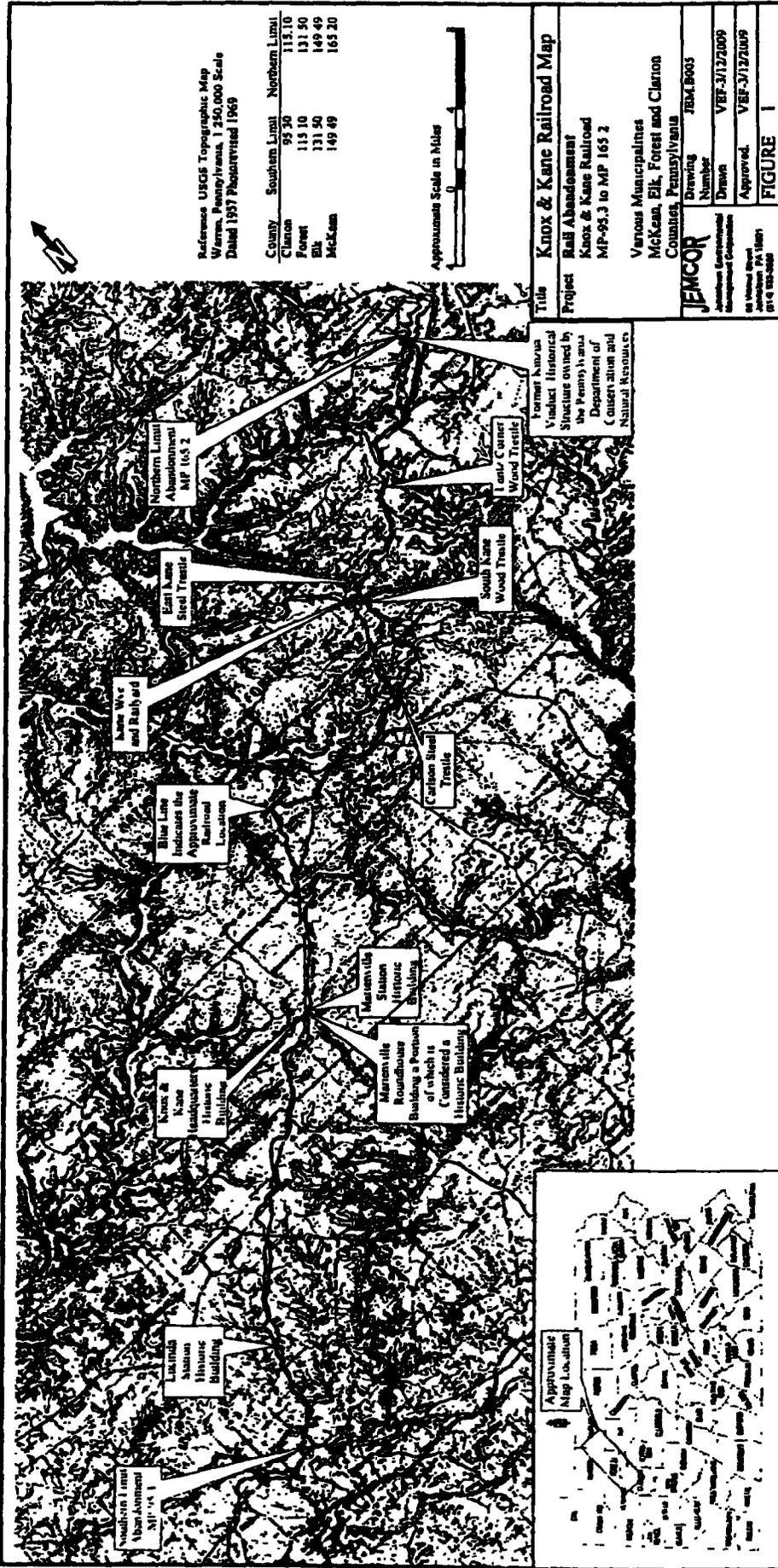
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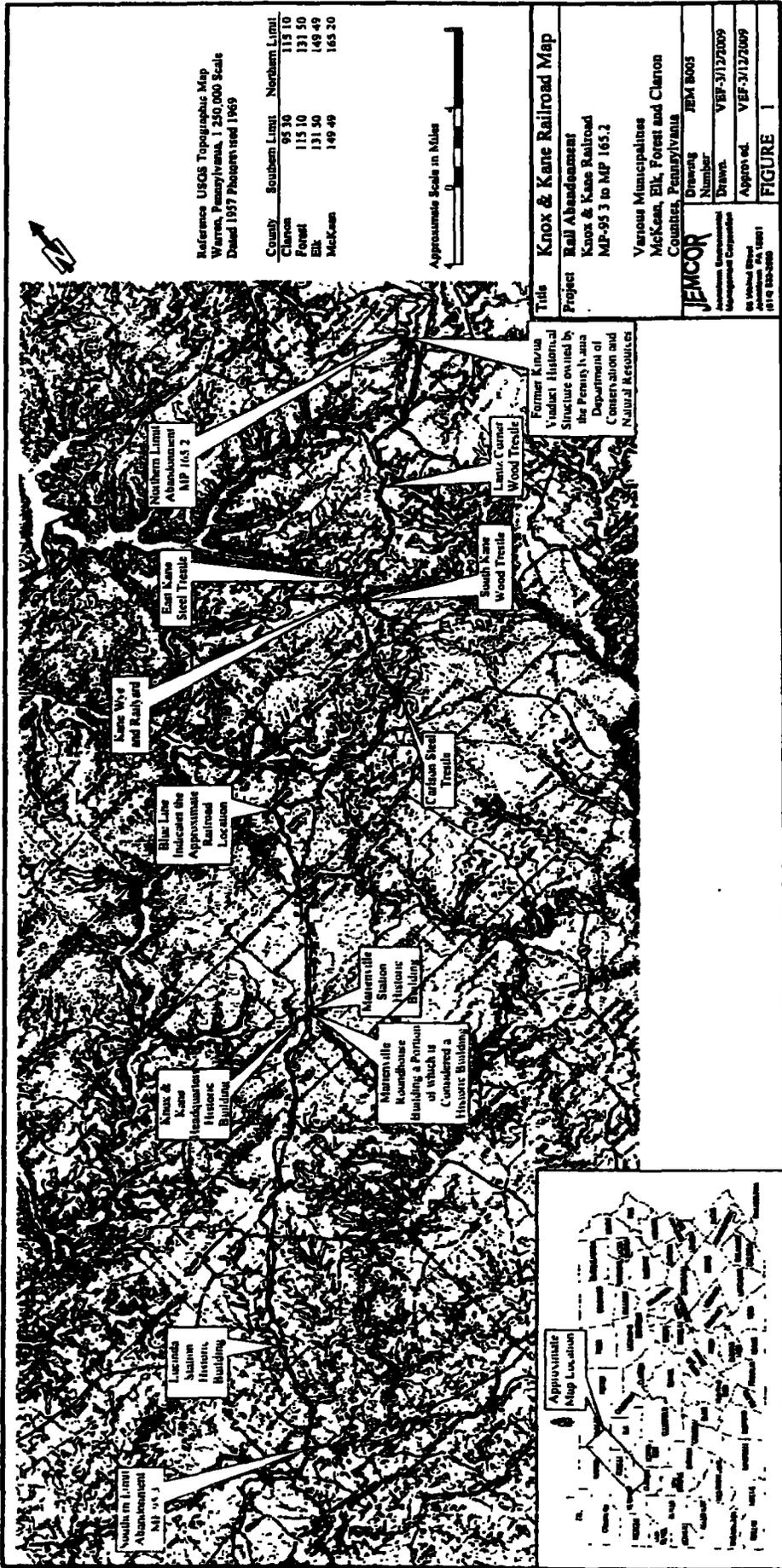
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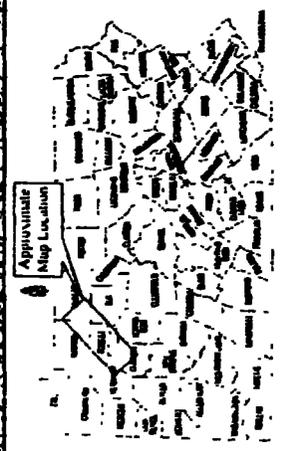
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1650 Arch Street
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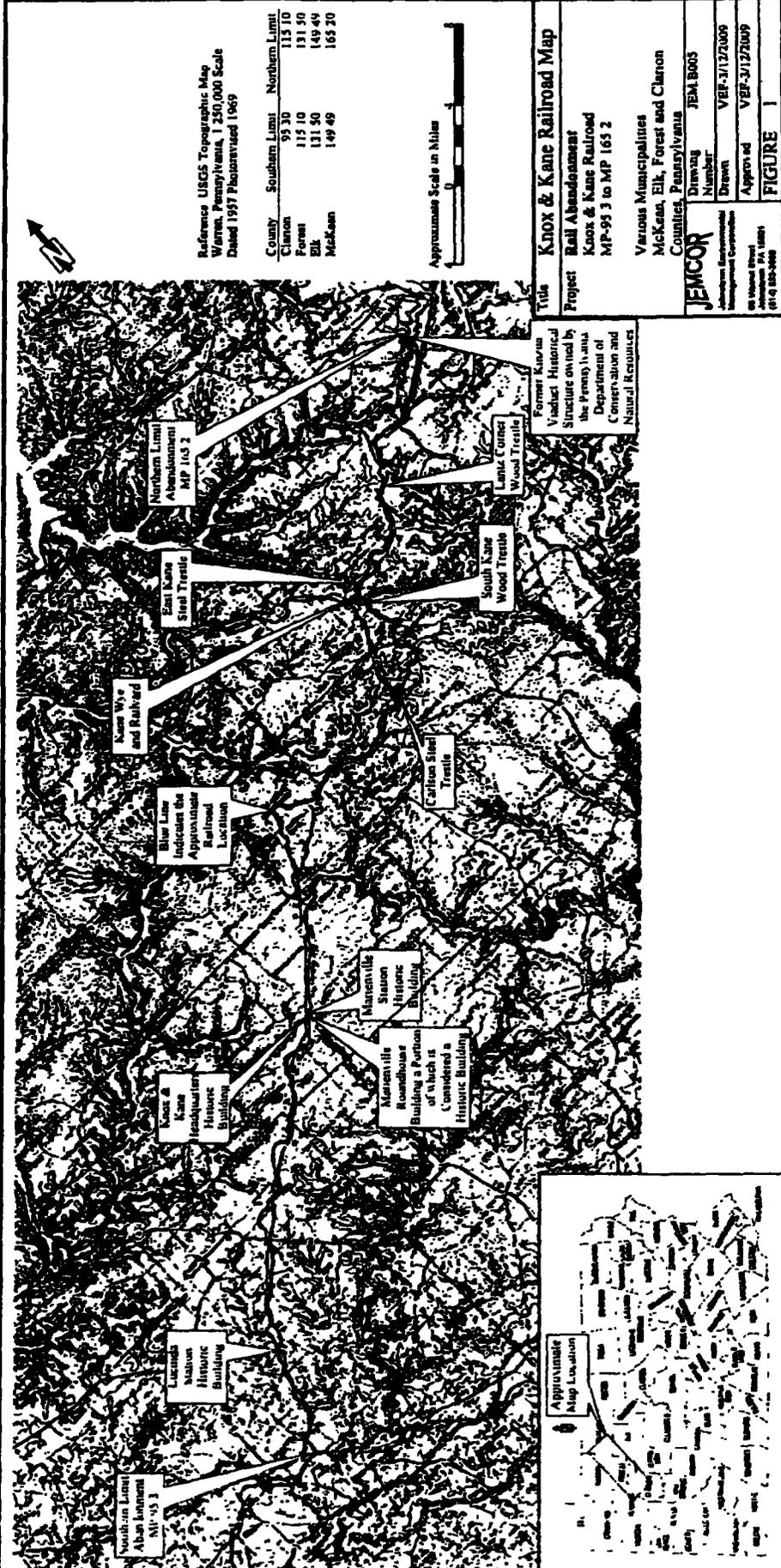
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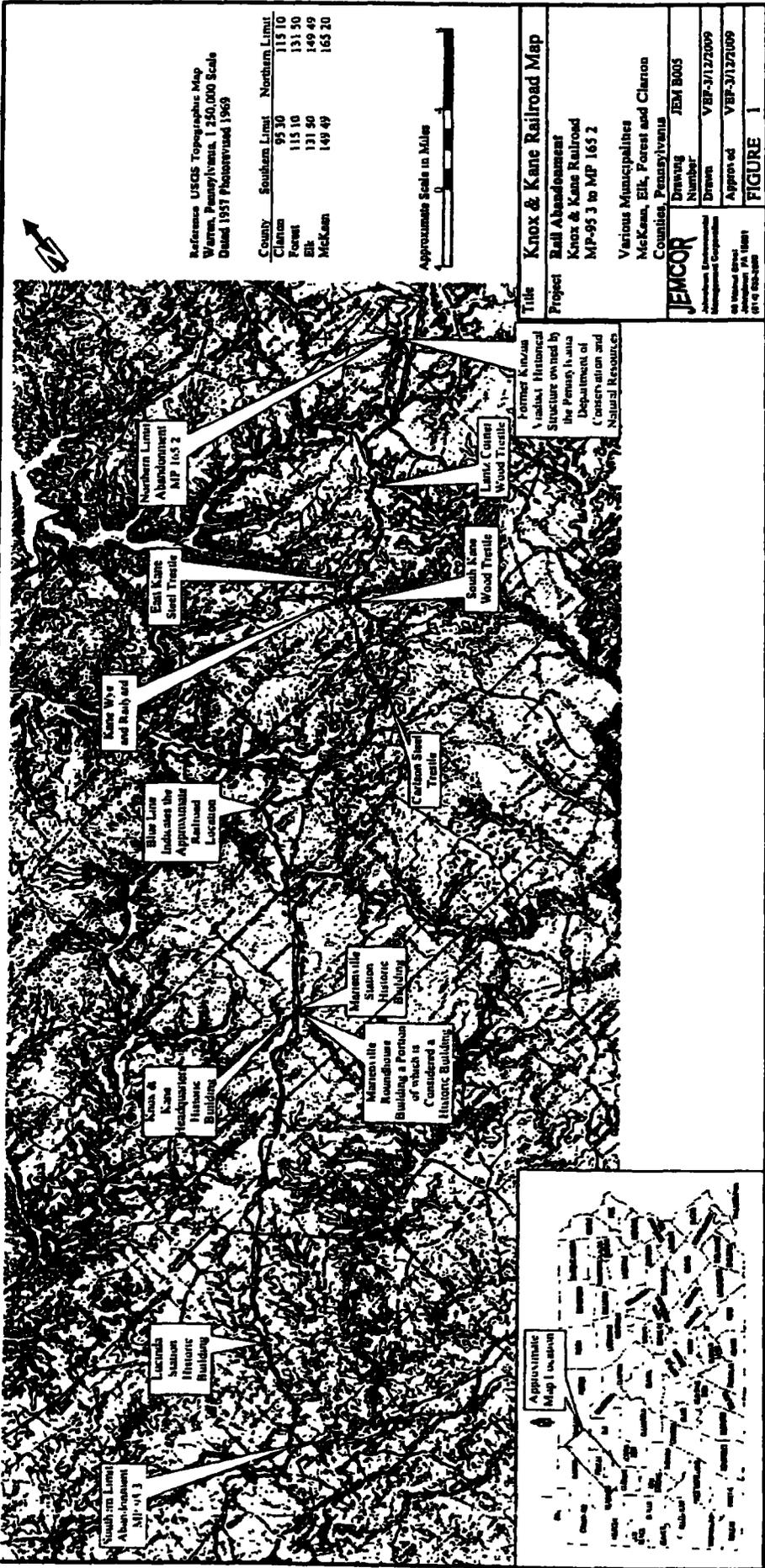
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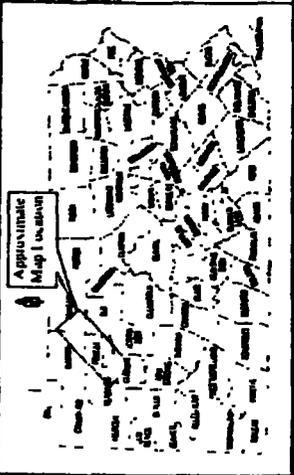
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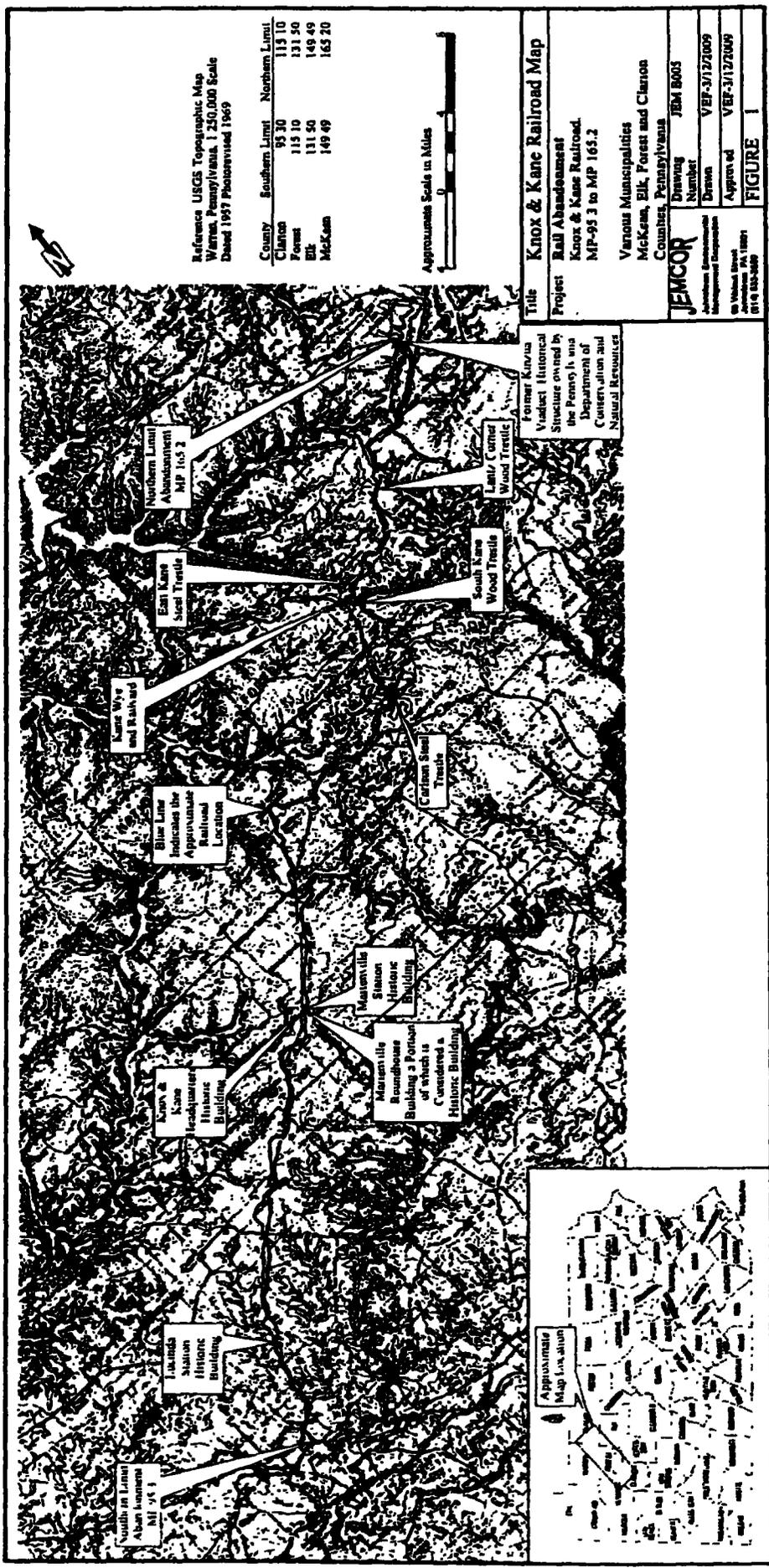
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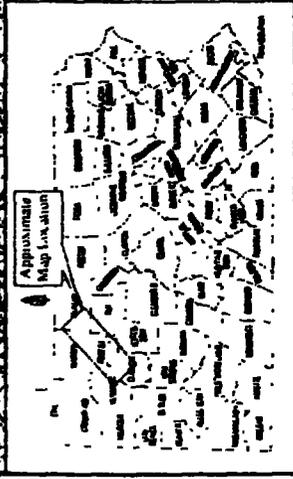
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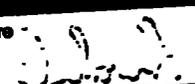
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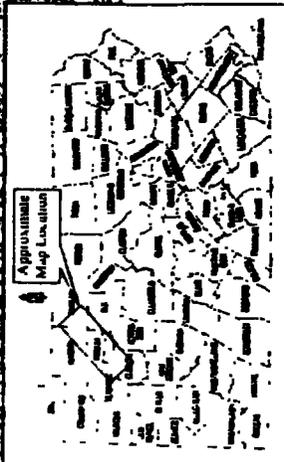
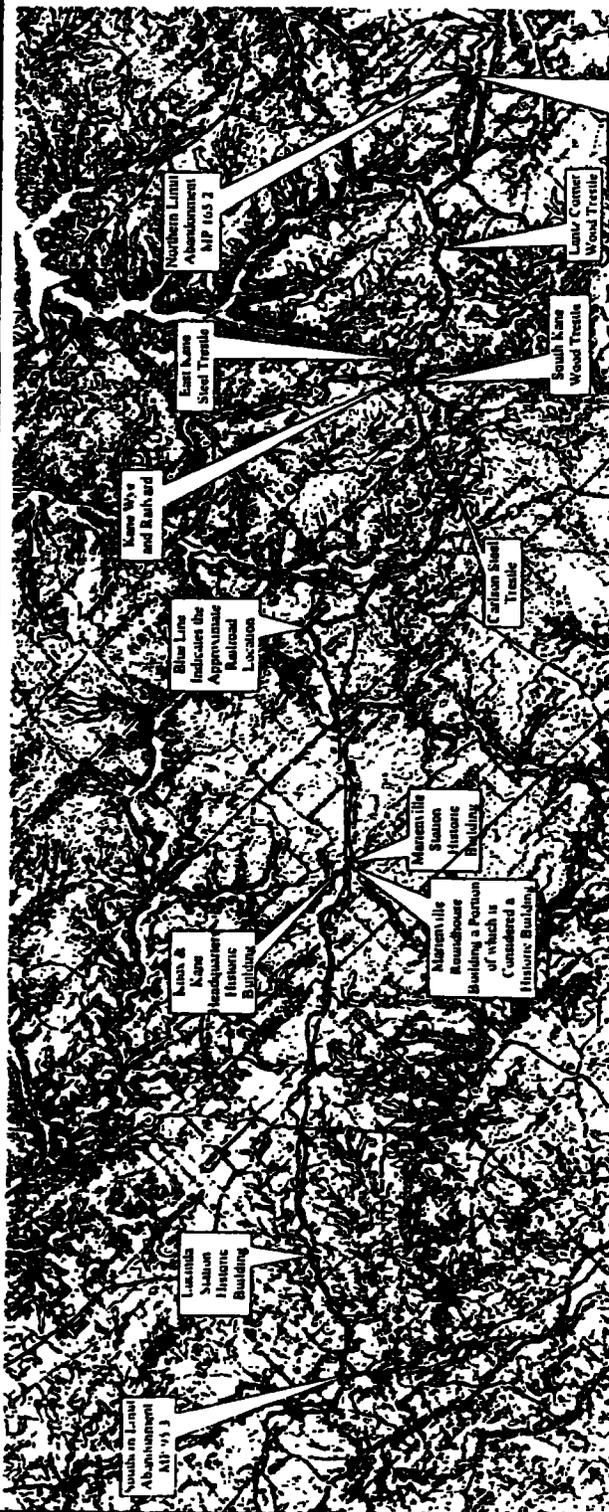
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Title Knox & Kane Railroad Map

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Various Municipalities
McKean, Elk, Forest and Clanton
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**U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service
Pennsylvania State Office
One Credit Union Place, Suite 340
Harrisburg, PA 17110-2993**

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1315 East-West Highway, Station 8815
Silver Spring, MD 20910

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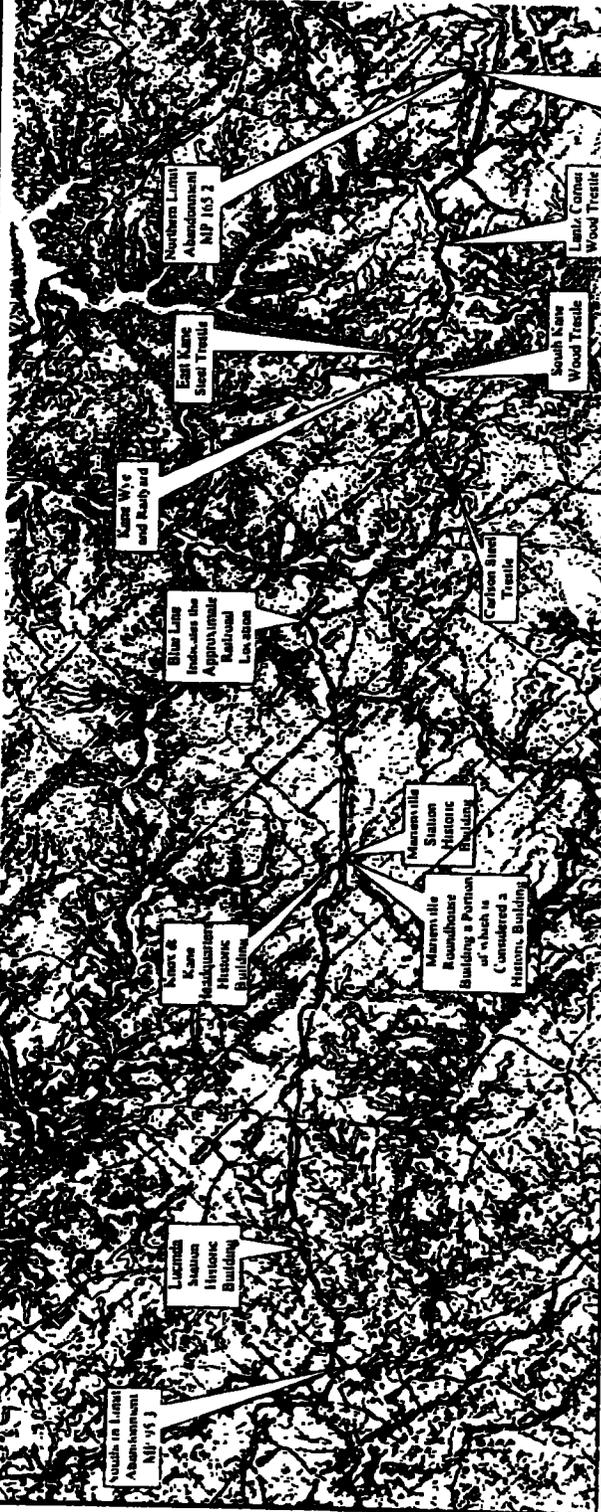
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Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
Bureau for Historic Preservation
Commonwealth Keystone Building, Second Floor
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0093

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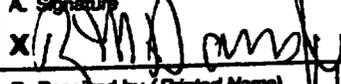


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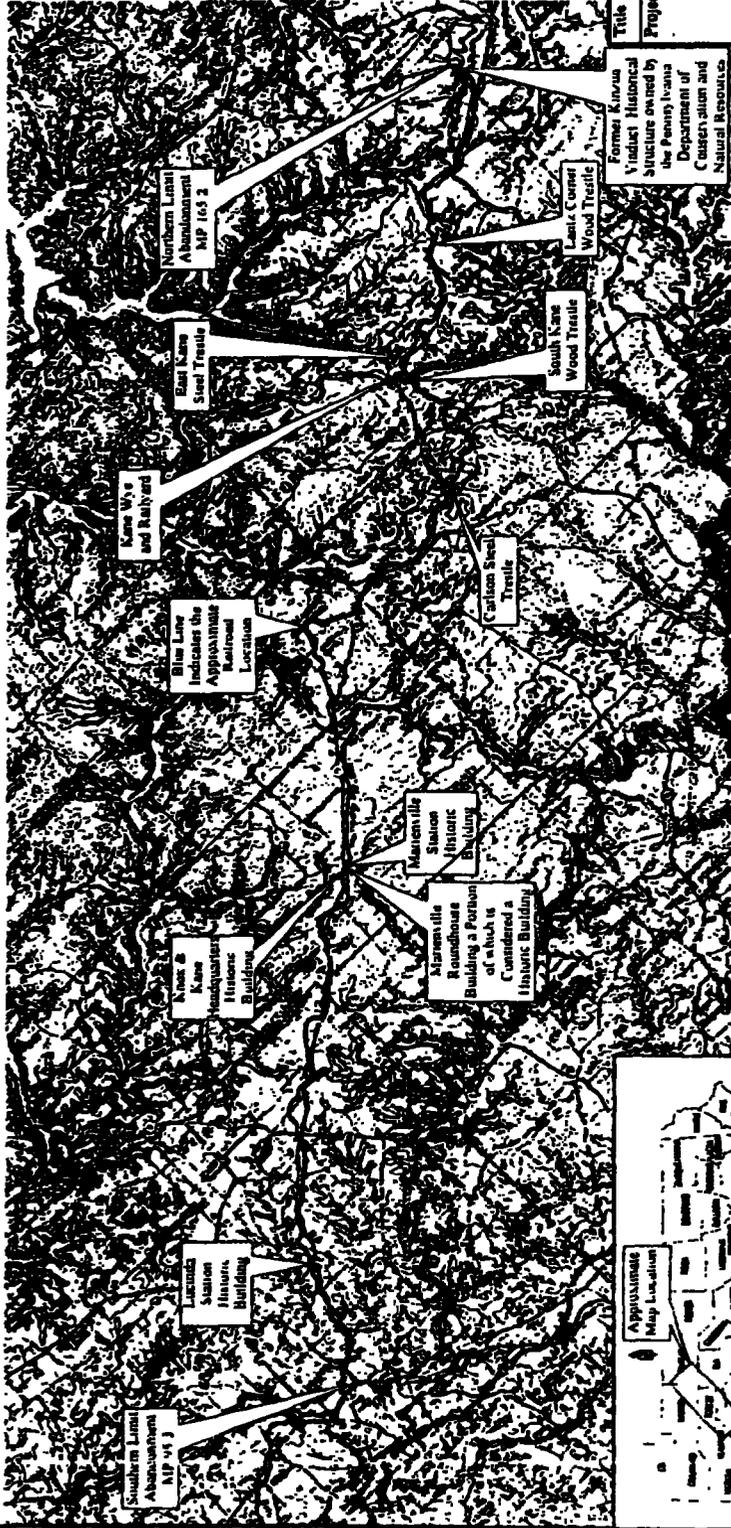
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Project Rail Abandonment
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 MP-95.3 to MP 165.3

Various Municipalities
 McKean, Elk, Forest and Clanton
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Responses to Notifications

**Rail Abandonment
Knox & Kane Railroad.
McKean, Elk, Forest and Clarion
Counties, Pennsylvania**



Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

230 Chestnut Street
Meadville, PA 16335-3481

April 16, 2009

Northwest Regional Office

814-332-6816
Fax: 814-332-6125

Mr. David R. Layman, President
Johnstown Environmental Management Corp.
P.O. Box 126
68 Walnut Street
Johnstown, PA 15907-0126

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Counties of Clarion, Forest, Elk, and McKean
STB Docket No. AB-551 (Sub-No. 1X)

Dear Mr. Layman:

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has reviewed the above project. We have the following comment which you should consider when proceeding with this project:

- * The Waste Management Program advises that all wastes generated during this project should be properly managed. Questions related to the proper handling and/or disposal of wastes, including rail ties, should be directed to the Waste Management program at 814-332-6848.

If you have any questions, or if we can be of further service, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Kelvin Burch
Regional Director

cc: WM – T. Carlson
Clarion County Conservation District
Forest County Conservation District
Elk County Conservation District
McKean County Conservation District
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County of Clarion

Department of Planning and Development

Court House, 421 Main Street, Suite 38, Clarion Pennsylvania 16214
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814-226-4000 Ext. 2801 --- Fax: 814-226-5275

April 15, 2009

Johnstown Environmental Management Corporation
Attn: David R. Layman
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Johnstown, PA. 15907-0126

RE: Proposed Abandonment of Knox and Kane Railroad
Counties of Clarion, Forest, Elk, McKean – Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Layman:

Thank you for your letter of advisement concerning the above referenced railroad abandonment. Planning Commission members discussed this abandonment action at their monthly meeting held on April 15, 2009. The proposed abandonment action would be consistent with existing land use plans as per our Clarion County Comprehensive Plan. Our county is also planning to participate in a feasibility study with the other three above referenced counties to convert the railroad right of way into a rails to trails project. This project would also be consistent with our Clarion County Comprehensive Plan.

If you have any further questions or needs concerning this subject, please do not hesitate to contact our office. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Williams
Chairman
Clarion County Planning Commission

Forest County Conservation District & Planning Department



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March 24, 2009

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**Re: Forest County Comprehensive Plan – Proposed
Abandonment of Knox & Kane Railroad, Forest County**

To Whom It May Concern,

The proposed abandonment of the Knox & Kane Railroad is consistent with the Forest County Comprehensive Land Use Plan. It particularly applies to the transportation portion and to the recreation/conservation portion. The possible future usage as a motorized ATV and/or Snowmobile trail would also apply to the economic portions of the Comprehensive Plan.

I communicate this on behalf of the Forest County Commissioners who are ultimately responsible for land use practices within Forest County. The Commissioners appoint the Conservation District & Planning Board and were instrumental in the employment of myself as the Executive Director of the Forest County Conservation District & Planning Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas E. Carlson,
Executive Director FCCD&P Dept.



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McKean County Planning Commission

17137 Route 6
Smethport, PA 16749
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We understand that the owner of the Knox and Kane line intends to take the proper steps to railbank the corridor. As long as the abandonment proceedings include a Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU) in the Surface Transportation Board's decision, the action will be consistent with our County Comprehensive Plan.

McKean County, partnering with Clarion, Forest and Elk Counties, is submitting a grant application to the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to provide funds for a rail trail feasibility study for the 69.9 mile corridor. The study will identify types of uses for the trail, ownership options, maintenance considerations, and operation/management scenarios. It will include a conceptual trail plan and implementation strategies. The application will be submitted by April 22, 2009. If grant funds are awarded the project will begin in early 2010 and be completed by June 2011.

April 15, 2009

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. If we may be of further assistance, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Deborah L. Lunden

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Director

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U S Fish and Wildlife
Pennsylvania Field Office
315 South Allen Street, Suite 322
State College, PA 16801-4850

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No federally listed species under our jurisdiction is known or likely to occur in the project area. This determination is valid for two years. Should project plans change, or if additional information on listed species become available, this determination may be reconsidered.		
		Supervisor 4-16-09

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WILLIAM S. MOORHEAD FEDERAL BUILDING
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PITTSBURGH, PA 15222-4186**

March 20, 2009

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Kevin Gabig, Project Manager

We received your request on March 18, 2009 and your project; **Proposed Abandonment of Knox and Kane Railroad, Counties of Clarion, Forest, Elk, McKean, PA STB Docket No. AB-551 (Sub-no. 1X)**, has been assigned to **Kevin Gabig**, on the date of this letter. **Kevin** can be contacted at **(412) 395-7248** or via e-mail at:

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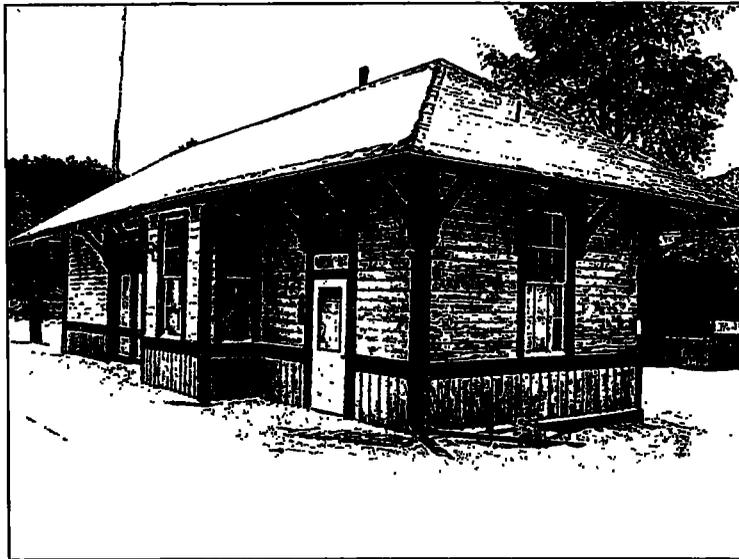
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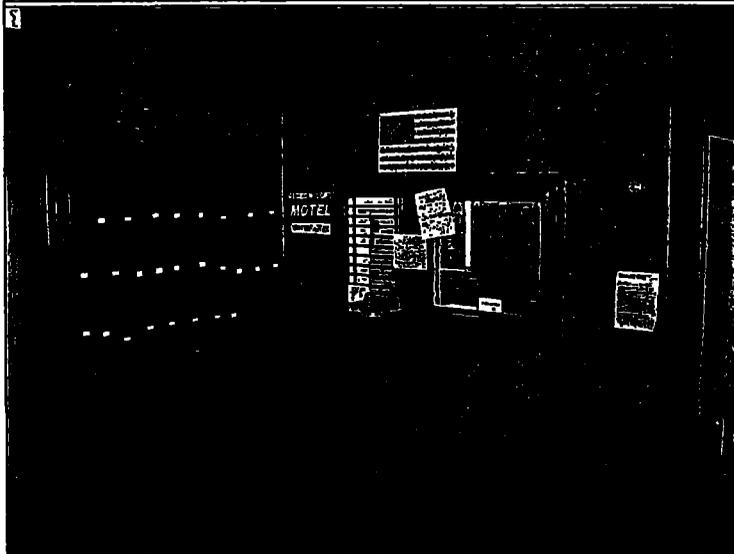
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Photographs

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Exterior view of the Marienville Station

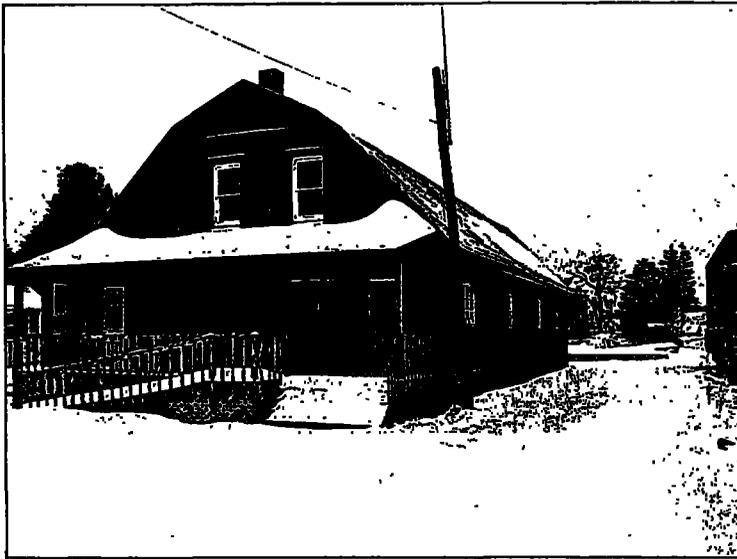


Interior view of the Marienville Station



View of area surrounding the Marienville Station

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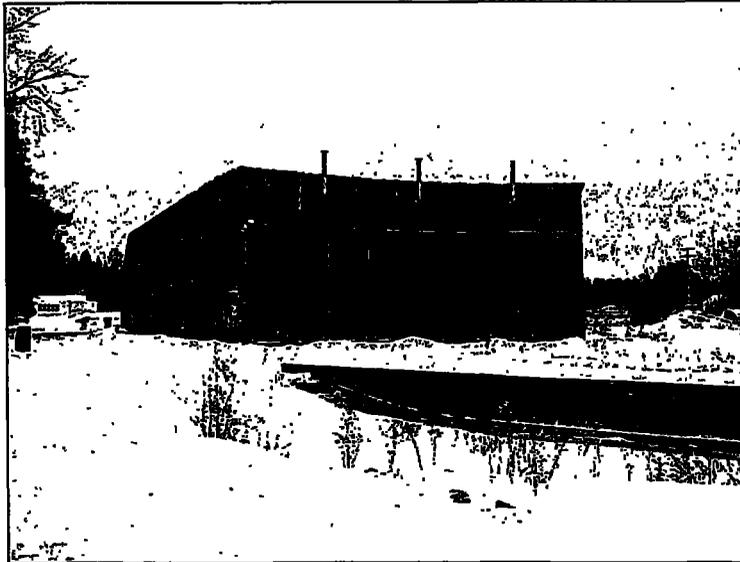


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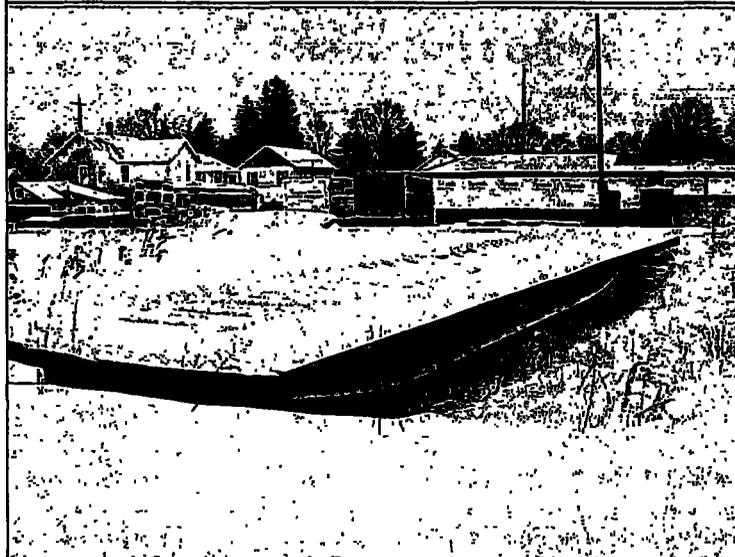
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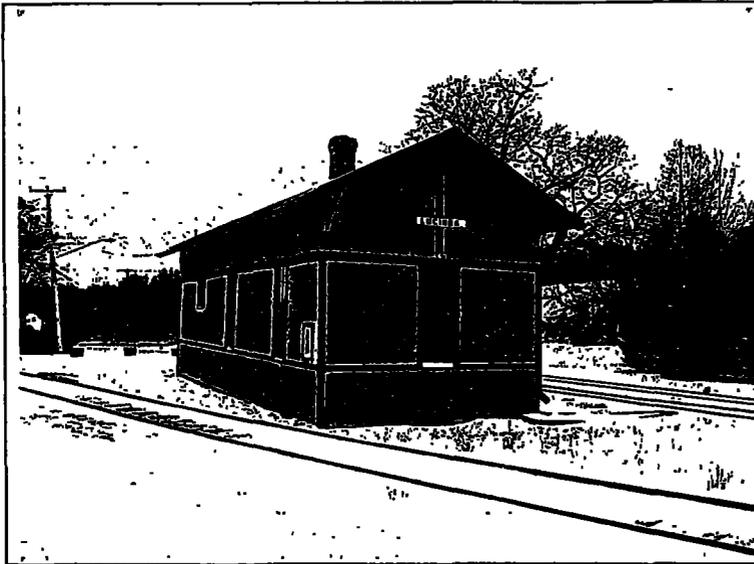


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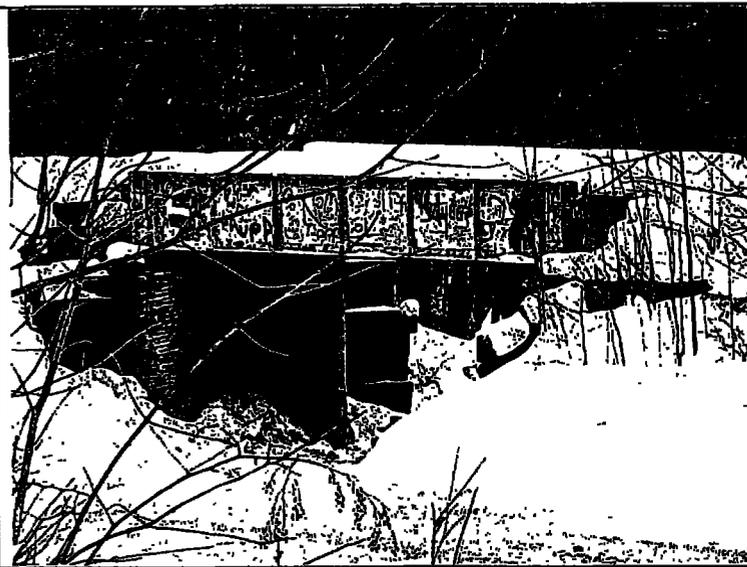


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Carlson Steel Trestle



East Kane Wood Trestle



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