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Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 458X); BNSF Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption – in Sterling, Logan County, CO

Dear Secretary Quinlan

Please refer to the STB decision served on October 30, 2007, in the above-referenced docket. Pursuant to the Condition requiring BNSF to retain its interest in the line until completion of the Section 106 process, we previously forwarded to you a copy of the historic survey for the above-referenced line. This document was submitted to the Colorado Historical Society (SHPO) for their concurrence. Accordingly, the SHPO has forwarded its determination of **no adverse effect**, provided that the grade and bed remain undisturbed at the end of the track salvage operation (see attached letter dated March 17, 2008).

Therefore, BNSF requests that the Section 106 condition of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 470f, be removed.

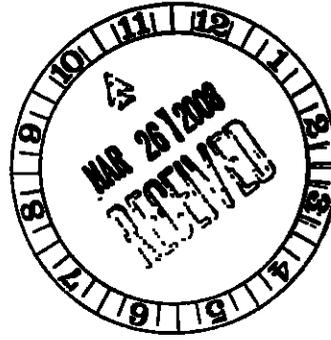
If you have any questions, please call me at (817) 352-2308.

Sincerely,

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cc. Georgianna Contiguglia (SHPO)
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RE: SIB Docket No AB-6 (Sub-No 458X), BNSF Railway Abandonment, Sterling,
Logan County

Dear Mr Chamberlain

Thank you for your recent correspondence dated 8 February 2008, concerning the proposed trackage abandonment in Sterling. Our office has reviewed the submitted materials. We disagree with the submitted report by URS Corporation (dated 14 December 2007) which found that the segments in question (5LO 572 2 and 5LO 572 3) were not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Given the information submitted in the report, it appears that both segments are eligible for the National Register.

However, the report also failed to identify any significant track-related structures along the path of the two segments. We believe that removal of the trackage will result in no adverse effect to resource 5LO 572 provided that the grade and bed remain undisturbed at the end of the track salvage operation.

If you have any questions, please contact Joseph Saldibar, Architectural Services Coordinator, at (303) 866-3741.

Sincerely,

For 
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President, Colorado Historical Society

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