

EJ-2953

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe



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May 21, 2007

Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
Attn: Danielle Gosselin
Washington, DC 20423

RE: **Proposed BNSF Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption**
Stearns County, Minnesota
STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 455X)
LLBO Land Claim Area
LL-THPO Number: 07-111-NCRI

Dear Ms. Gosselin:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced project. It has been reviewed pursuant to the responsibilities given the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1992 and the Procedures of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (38CFR800).

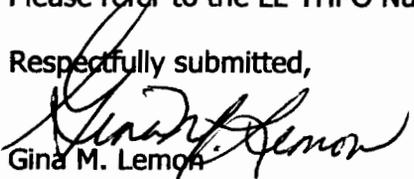
I have reviewed the documentation; after careful consideration of our records, I have determined that the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe does not have any concerns regarding sites of religious or cultural importance in this area.

Should any human remains or suspected human remains be encountered, all work shall cease and the following personnel should be notified immediately in this order: County Sheriff's Office and Office of the State Archaeologist. If any human remains or culturally affiliated objects be inadvertently discovered this will prompt the process to which the Band will become informed.

Please note: The above determination does not "exempt" future projects from Section 106 review. In the event of any other tribe notifying us of concerns for a specific project, we may re-enter into the consultation process.

You may contact me at (218) 335-2940 if you have questions regarding our review of this project. Please refer to the LL-THPO Number as stated above in all correspondence with this project.

Respectfully submitted,


Gina M. Lemon
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer