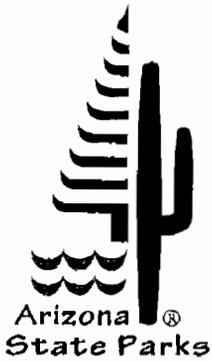


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RE: STB Docket No. AB-1081X, San Pedro Railroad Operating
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I am writing on behalf of Arizona State Parks, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), in connection with the above-captioned abandonment proceeding. Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, the Arizona SHPO has the authority to address all matters involving compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Arizona. It is my understanding that the Board's order forbids the applicant railroad from altering the integrity of this line (including salvage of the track) until completion of the Section 106 process of NHPA.

My purpose in writing is to advise you that the applicant has satisfied all Section 106 requirements of the Arizona SHPO and that it should be permitted to begin salvage activities once the Board's decision is effective on March 15, 2006.

If you have any further questions or requests, you may contact me at (602) 542-7159, or by e-mail at wcollins@pr.state.az.us.

Sincerely,

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