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In future correspondence please refer to:

Log: 022306-03-STB
Property: BNSF Abandonment Hardel Spur (AB-06 Sub#448X)
Re: No Historic Properties Affected

Dear Ms. Glidden:

Recently the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) were contacted by the BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) concerning the above stated STB action. The project has been reviewed on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) under provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended) and 36 CFR Part 800. The review was conducted by Transportation Archaeologist Matthew Sterner and I and our review is based upon documentation contained in a communication from BNSF.

As we requested, the BNSF forwarded to DAHP a Cultural Resource Survey for this undertaking satisfying both 36CFR800 and 49CFR1150. The railroad's consultant concluded in the survey that resources within the Area of Potential Effect were eligible for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A; however, there would be "no effect" to historic structures. DAHP does not concur. Rather, it is our opinion that no historic properties will be affected by the current project as proposed. If additional information on the project becomes available, or if any archaeological resources are uncovered during construction, please halt work in the area of discovery and contact the appropriate Native American Tribes and DAHP for further consultation.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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