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Surface Transportation Board  
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RE: CSXT Proposed Abandonment  
Logan County, WV  
STB Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 671X)

Gentlemen:

This refers to CSX Transportation's Notice of Exemption filed on June 30, 2006, requesting authority to abandon its rail line described above. Enclosed please find a copy of a letter dated September 29, 2006 (received October 9, 2006) from Mr. Thomas Chapman of the U.S. Department of the Interior stating "No federally listed endangered and threatened species are expected to be impacted by this project."

Sincerely,

Attachment

Copy: Mr. Steven Armbrust, CSXT, 500 Water Street-J150, Jacksonville, FL, 32202



# United States Department of the Interior

## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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September 29, 2006

Mr. Dave Geraci, Manager  
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Re: Logan County Rail Line Abandonment

Dear Mr. Geraci:

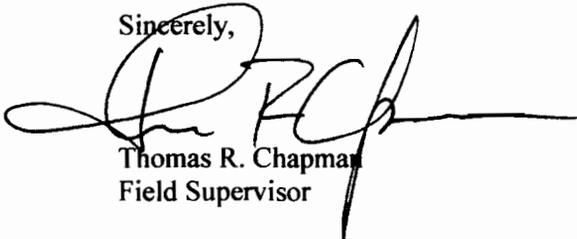
This responds to your information request of May 11, 2006 regarding the potential impacts of a proposed project on wetlands and federally listed endangered and threatened species and species of concern. CSX Transportation proposes abandonment of a portion of its rail line from Stirrat to the end of the tract near Sarah Ann, in Logan County, West Virginia. These comments are provided pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

No federally listed endangered and threatened species are expected to be impacted by the project. Therefore, no biological assessment or further section 7 consultation under the Endangered Species Act is required with the Fish and Wildlife Service. Should project plans change, or if additional information on listed and proposed species becomes available, this determination may be reconsidered.

Definitive determinations of the presence of waters of the United States, including wetlands, in the project area and the need for permits, if any, are made by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. They may be contacted at: Huntington District, Regulatory Branch, 502 Eighth Street, Huntington, West Virginia 25701, telephone (304)399-5710.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact this office at (304) 636-6586, or at the letterhead address.

Sincerely,



Thomas R. Chapman  
Field Supervisor