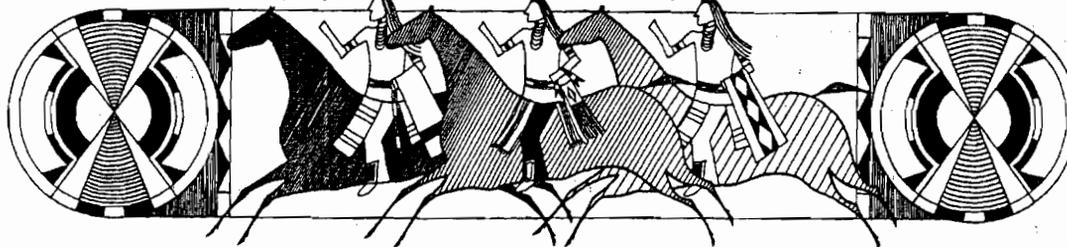


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Washington, DC 20423

RE: STB Docket No. AB-872X, Great Northwest Railroad, Inc., Heritage Resources Assessment

Dear Ms. Dean:

I am in receipt of the report titled *Heritage Resources Assessment of the Camas Prairie Railroad, Fourth Subdivision, Orofino to Jaype, Idaho* prepared by Northwest Archaeological Associates of Seattle, Washington. As I understand the situation from your letter of August 25, 2004 and the report, the abandonment will commence at mile 3.5. However, the survey apparently took in site 10CW1149 in its entirety. In order to properly incorporate the site into our archives I need an original site form for 10CW1149 including maps and black and white photographs on archival paper. Also, according to the report, feature B-3 which is located within the first 3.5 miles of the railroad was not recorded. If future plans call for abandonment of the remainder of the railroad this site will need to be recorded and site 10CW1149 updated.

I would also appreciate receiving a letter from the Surface Transportation Board that identifies whether or not the agency concurs with the contractor's findings of eligibility. This will be important in determining whether or not the abandonment constitutes an adverse effect. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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