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Reply To: STB070814A

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Re: Determination of Eligibility for Amador Central Railroad, Surface Transportation Board
Abandonment Exemption, Martell, Amador County, CA

Dear Ms. Davis-King:

Thank you for the initiating consultation regarding the above referenced undertaking. You are requesting, on behalf of the Surface Transportation Board (STB), my assistance in assessing any potential effects of the abandonment action in accordance with 36 CFR 800, regulations and implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. More specifically you are requesting that I concur with the determination of eligibility for the Amador Central Railroad.

As I presently understand it, the undertaking consists of abandonment of common carrier obligations for the Amador Central Railroad in Amador County, California. The line extends 11.5 miles and the APE for this project is confined to these 11.5 miles.

After reviewing the materials you sent in your 9 August 2007 letter, I am able to concur with the determination of eligibility for the Amador Central Railroad Historic District. Eligible under Criterion A and C, contributors to the district include:

1. Amador Central Railroad
2. Martell Depot and Freight Shed
3. Amador Central Railroad Engine House and Car Shed
4. Shop/Barn
5. Trackage, signals, switches
6. Historic orchard

The period of significance for the district is 1904-1950.

Thank you for considering historic properties in your planning process. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Blosser of my staff at (916) 653-6624 or e-mail at ablosser@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Susan K Stratton for

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