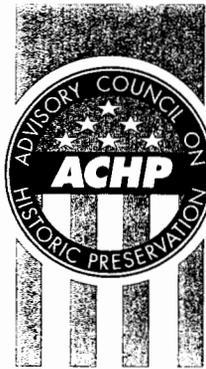


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Ms. Christa Dean
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Surface Transportation Board
Washington, DC 20423

REF: Proposed Rail Line Abandonment Project - (MP 11.81 and MP 12.80)
The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
Washington County, Minnesota

Dear Ms. Dean:

The ACHP recently received your notification and supporting documentation regarding the adverse effects of the referenced project on properties listed on and eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Based upon the information you provided, we do not believe that our participation in consultation to resolve adverse effects is needed. However, should circumstances change and you determine that our participation is required, please notify us. Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6(b)(iv), you will need to file the final Memorandum of Agreement and related documentation at the conclusion of the consultation process. The filing of the Agreement with us is required in order to complete the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Thank you for providing us with your notification of adverse effect. If you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact Karen Theimer Brown at 202-606-8505.

Sincerely,

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