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RE: Great Northwest Railroad's Abandonment of the Jaype Branch, STB  
Docket No. AB-872X; Section 106 Review

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Please find enclosed a copy of our comments dated June 10, 2004, on the Great Northwest Railroad's (GNR) proposed abandonment of the Jaype Branch rail line in Clearwater County, Idaho.

**Archaeological Survey**  
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As you can see, we recommended an archaeological and historical survey of the rail line to document the line and associated structures and any archaeological sites that may be present within the right-of-way. Since then, we have received GNR's brief Historic Report and digital photographs of the 41 trestles. While this information is useful to us, we are still recommending a professional historical survey to formally document the trestles and any other historic properties along the line. We will need such documentation to assist STB and GNR in evaluating these properties and assessing project effects. With regard to the archaeological survey, we feel that a reconnaissance-level survey will be adequate.

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In addition, it appears that a portion of this line is located on the Nez Perce Indian Reservation. If this is the case, the Nez Perce Tribe will be a full participant in Section 106 Review of this undertaking. The tribal contact for cultural resources is Kevin Cannell (208-843-2253).

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These efforts should satisfy three of the four steps of Section 106 Review. If historic properties will be affected by the abandonment, STB and GNR will then consult with our office and the Tribe about measures to avoid or mitigate those effects.

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We appreciate your cooperation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 208-334-3847, ext. 107.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Pengilly Neitzel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan Pengilly Neitzel  
Deputy SHPO and  
Compliance Coordinator

cc: Kay Manweiller, Office of the Attorney General, Idaho  
Kevin Cannell, Nez Perce Tribe