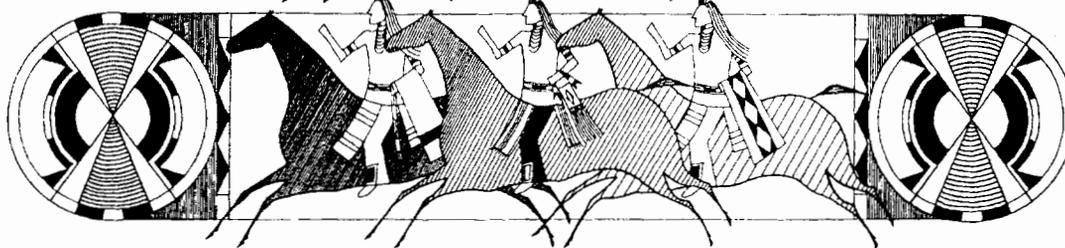


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RE: STB Docket No. AB-872X, Great Northwest Railroad, Inc., Section 106 review-in
Clearwater County, Idaho.

Dear Ms. Dean:

As indicated in the Idaho SHPO's letter of August 11, 2004, a portion of the rail line proposed for abandonment is located on the Nez Perce Reservation. The regulations implementing Section 106 of the NHPA require that when a federal undertaking is conducted within the reservation boundary, that the tribe be consulted on the same basis as the SHPO (36 CFR 800.2(c)(2)(B)). I concur with the SHPO's recommendation that the project warrants both an historical and archaeological survey. Due to the nature of the project, a reconnaissance level archaeological survey is probably warranted. However, due to the numbers and types of historic sites present along the line, the historical survey should be intensive in nature. Once the necessary studies have been completed please furnish me with copies so that I may provide comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Cannell".

Kevin Cannell, Tribal Archaeologist

cc: Suzi Neitzel, Idaho SHPO
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Cassandra Kipp, Executive Direction Department

