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Victoria Rutson, Chief  
Section of Environmental Analysis  
Surface Transportation Board  
Case Control Unit  
1925 K Street, NW  
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Attn: Winn Frank

Re: HolRail, LLC, Dorchester County, SC  
Notice of Intent and Draft Scope of Study  
STB Finance Docket # 34421

Dear Ms. Rutson:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has received your Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in pursuit of the proposed railway in Orangeburg and Dorchester Counties, SC. This report is submitted in accordance with provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.) and the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). The Service previously concurred with your findings that the proposed project will have no effect upon threatened and endangered species, a copy of our August 29, 2005, concurrence is attached.

The Service finds that the proposed scope of the EIS lays the groundwork for a thorough review of the projected impacts resulting from the new railway. Therefore, we have no specific comments at this time. Once the Draft EIS is complete, please forward to this office so that we may provide a detailed review of its findings.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments at this early stage of the project. If you need assistance or information on Service policies regarding this project, please contact Mark Caldwell at (843) 727-4707 ext 215.

Sincerely,

  
Timothy N. Hall  
Field Supervisor

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