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Subject FW: Wetland impacts

Christa,

See attached message. This is regarding Condition # 5 in the STB decision served April 6, 2006.

Thanks,
John Sims, Paralegal
BNSF - Law Dept
2500 Lou Menk Dr, 3rd Fl
Fort Worth, TX 76131-2828

-----Original Message-----

From: Batie, Richard A
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2006 1:25 PM
To: Sims, John A
Cc: Johnson, Jerome M
Subject: FW: Wetland impacts

John,

This concerns the Georgetown - Perley, MN abandonment.

Attached is an email and letter response from Randy Tufton of Norman County addressing impacts to wetlands.

Rich Batie

-----Original Message-----

From: Tufton, Randall - Ada, MN [mailto:Randall.Tufton@mn.usda.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2006 1:21 PM
To: Batie, Richard A
Subject: Wetland impacts

Rich,

Attached is the letter for your abandonment. Again, thank you for your explanation.

Randy



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November 13, 2006

Richard Batie
BNSF Railroad
Fort Worth, TX

RE: Wetland Impact from BNSF Railway Abandonment

Dear Mr. Batie:

I am writing this letter in regards to our telephone conversation on November 3, 2006 concerning the potential impacts to wetlands from a Railway Abandonment by BNSF Railway Company. Thank you for your explanation of your process. On November 7, 2006, the Norman County FSA Committee, along with me and Clayton Schmitz, Norman County District Conservationist for the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) met to discuss the potential impacts on wetlands that would result from this proposed abandonment. After review of the area involved and on the recommendation by Mr. Schmitz, the Norman County FSA Committee made the determination that the proposed abandonment will not impact agricultural lands and that a Federal Farmland Policy Protection Act site assessment was not required.

If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me at (218) 784-4000 Ext. 2.

Sincerely,

Randall M. Tufton
County Executive Director