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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: Dave Navecky

Re: Proposed Railway, HolRail, LLC, Dorchester County, SC  
STB Finance Docket # 34421  
FWS log # 04-06-05-I-524

Dear Ms. Rutson:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed your biological assessment and threatened and endangered species survey results for 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.).

We have also reviewed the project(s) for potential adverse impacts to federally protected species and critical habitat. Based on the information received, we will concur with a determination that this action will have no effect on federally protected species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. In view of this, we believe that the requirements of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act have been satisfied. However, obligations under Section 7 of the Act must be reconsidered if (1) new information reveals impacts of this identified action that may affect listed species or critical habitat in a manner not previously considered, (2) this action is subsequently modified in a manner which was not considered in this assessment, or (3) a new species is listed or critical habitat is determined that may be affected by the identified action. Therefore, we do not object to issuance of the above-referenced permits.

If you have any questions regarding the Service's comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mark Caldwell at (843) 727-4707 ext 215.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy N. Hall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

Timothy N. Hall  
Field Supervisor

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