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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34658, The Alaska Railroad Corporation – Petition for Exemption to Construct and Operate a Rail Line Between North Pole, Alaska and Delta Junction, Alaska.

Dear Ms. Floyd:

Consistent with 40 CFR 1506.5(a), we would like to request a copy of the report presenting the results of spring 2006 aerial surveys conducted by ABR, Inc. to identify raptor nests in the project area. Please send copies of the material to Dave Navecky of my staff and to the Section of Environmental Analysis' (SEA) independent third party contractor who is assisting SEA in the environmental review for this case: Alan Summerville, ICF Consulting, 9300 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031-1207.

Please feel free to contact Dave Navecky at (202) 565-1593 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson
Chief

Section of Environmental Analysis