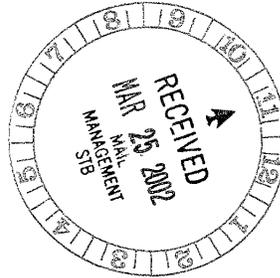


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**Re: *Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 391X); The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company Abandonment of Beatrice, Nebraska to Wymore, Nebraska***

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Dear Ms. Rutson:

Enclosed is a response I received from the Nebraska State Historical Society to the notice that was mailed out to various agencies on January 22, 2002 in regards to the above-mentioned matter. I am forwarding these to your attention in the event that the agency did not respond to you directly.

*Chicago*

*Springfield*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Nettles".

Brian Nettles

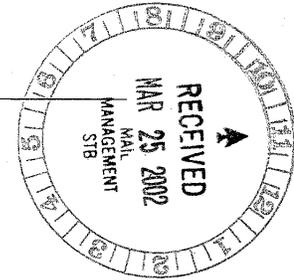
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February 14, 2002

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RE: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 391X)  
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HP #0111-131-01

Dear Mr. Smith:

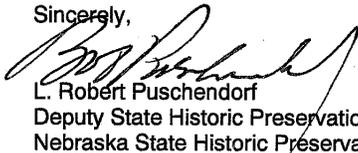
Thank you for submitting the referenced project proposal for our review and comment. Our comment on this project and its potential to affect historic properties is required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and implementing regulations 36 CFR Part 800.

Given the information provided, in our opinion there will be no historic properties affected by the project as proposed. Therefore, in accordance with 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1), you may proceed with the project as planned. Should any changes in the project be made or in the type of funding or assistance provided through federal or state agencies, please notify this office of the changes before further project planning continues.

There is always the possibility that previously unsuspected archaeological remains may be uncovered during the process of project construction. We request that this office be notified immediately under such circumstances so that an evaluation of the remains may be made, along with recommendations for future action.

Please retain this correspondence and your documented finding in order to show compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation act, as amended. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Greg Miller at 402/471-4775 or Bill Callahan at 402/471-4788.

Sincerely,

  
L. Robert Puschendorf  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office