

APPENDIX G

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Mr. Milford Wayne Donaldson
State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)
Office of Historic Preservation
California State Department of Parks and Recreation
1416 Ninth Street, 14th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attn: NHPA Section 106 Project Review Team

RE: National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 Compliance for the
Proposed DesertXpress—San Bernardino County

Dear Mr. Donaldson:

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is the lead agency for Section 106 compliance and will be preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed DesertXpress Project. FRA has obtained the services of CirclePoint and Jones and Stokes to prepare Section 106 materials to comply with the Section 106 regulations (36 CFR 800) of the National Historic Preservation Act. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Surface Transportation Board (STB), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are cooperating agencies and have designated FRA as the lead agency for the Section 106 process. The DesertXpress Project presents the above agencies with approval actions and represents an undertaking per 36 CFR 800.16(y). A major portion of the proposed project lies within the jurisdiction of BLM in California and Nevada, and Section 106 documentation is being coordinated with their cultural resources staff. FRA intends to provide all findings, determinations, and submissions for this undertaking for review by BLM prior to submission to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO).

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A) Areas in the median or right-of-way of I-15 that were disturbed by Interstate construction. Due to construction of the Interstate, archaeological sites in areas where ground was disturbed have likely been destroyed below the depth of the proposed construction for DesertXpress; therefore, there is little to no potential to affect archaeological sites that have integrity and the areas that comprise the Interstate construction footprint are not included in the APE.

The Interstate Highway System is exempt from Section 106 review except for elements of national and exceptional importance, and this section of I-15 contains no such elements. Therefore, there is no potential to affect buildings or structures that could be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) in disturbed areas of the I-15 and these areas are not included in the APE. Exceptions to this would be if there are non-Interstate bridges or other overcrossings that would have to be altered to accommodate the Desert Express. Those non-Interstate bridges or other overcrossings would be included in the APE.

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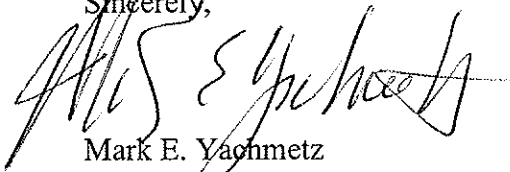
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We look forward to any comments you may have regarding the proposed scope of efforts to identify historic properties. If you have any questions or require any further information, please contact Mr. David Valenstein, Environmental Program Manager, at (202) 493-6368 or via e-mail at david.valenstein@dot.gov.

Sincerely,



Mark E. Yachmetz
Associate Administrator
For Railroad Development

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Area of Potential Effects Map
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List of Native American Groups and Letter

cc: R. Rotte, J. Shearer, S. Rowe – BLM
C. Glidden – STB
M. Khaled – FHWA
S. Steinwert, Project Manager, CirclePoint
R. Starzak, Senior Architectural Historian, Jones & Stokes
C. Shaver, Senior Archaeologist, Jones & Stokes



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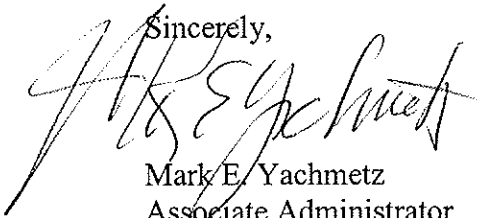
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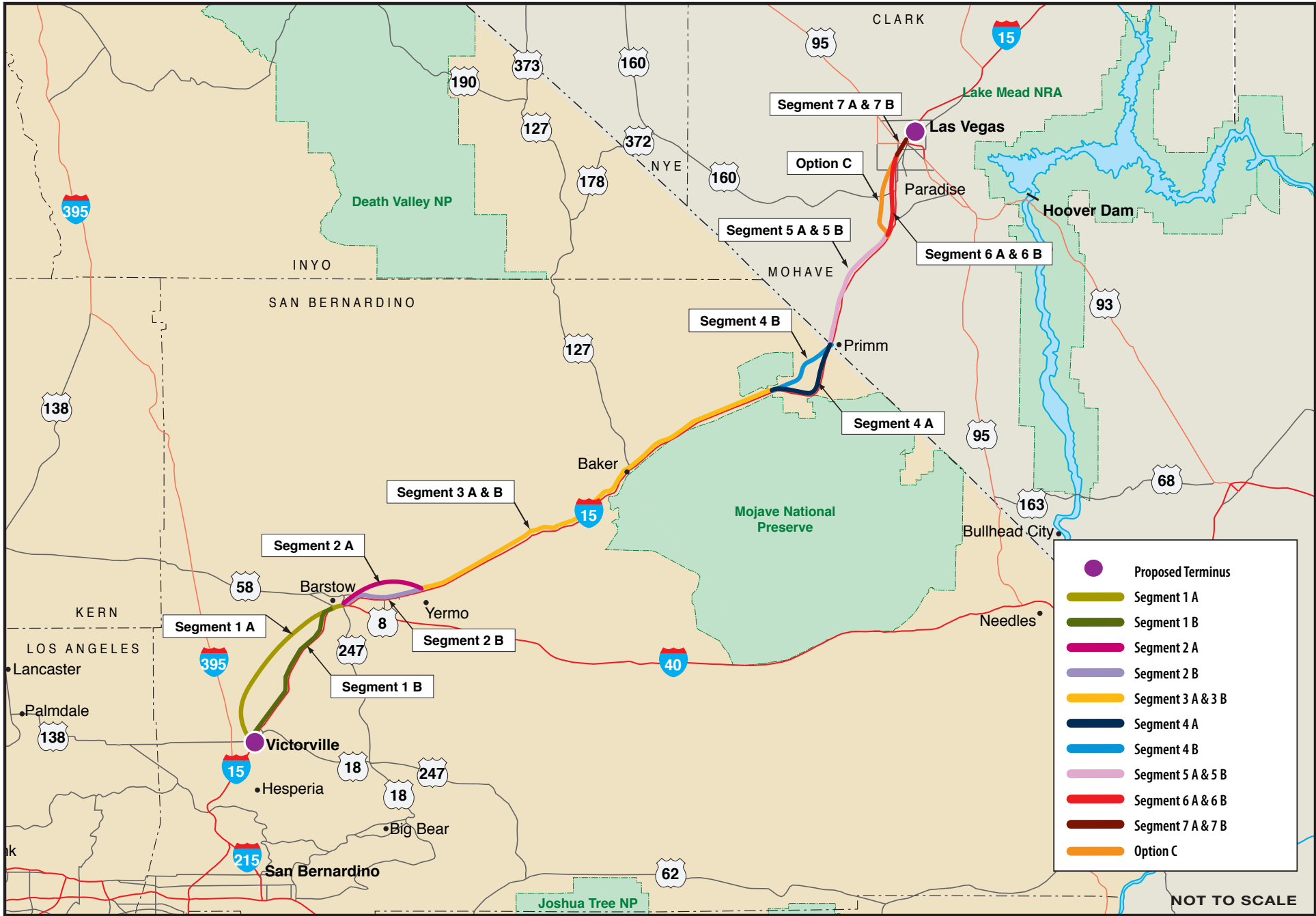


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Location Map



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Project Alignment Map

Area of Potential Effects

Available Upon Request

List of Proposed Consulting and
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Draft Letter

LIST OF INTERESTED PARTIES: DESERT XPRESS

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT: CALIFORNIA

Rolla Queen
District Archaeologist
California Desert District
Bureau of Land Management
22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos
Moreno Valley, CA 92553

ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS: CALIFORNIA

Sierra Club, San Gorgonio Chapter, Mojave Group
4079 Mission Inn Avenue
Riverside, CA 92501-3204

ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS: NEVADA

Friends of Nevada Wilderness
Southern Nevada Office
P. O. Box 230432
Las Vegas, NV 89105

Sierra Club
Toiyabe Chapter
Nevada and Eastern California
PO Box 8096
Reno, NV 89507

The Nevada Environmental Coalition, Inc.
10720 Button Willow Drive
Las Vegas , NV 89134

PRESERVATION ORGANIZATIONS: CALIFORNIA

California Preservation Foundation
Roberta Deering—Executive Director
5 Third Street, Suite 424
San Francisco, CA 94103

California Route 66 Preservation Foundation
P.O. Box 290066
Phelan, CA 92329-0066

PRESERVATION ORGANIZATIONS: NEVADA

Preserve Nevada
UNLV Dept. of History
Box 455020
Las Vegas, NV 89154-5020

Preservation Association of Clark County
P.O. Box 96686
Las Vegas, NV 89193-6686

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES & MUSEUMS: CALIFORNIA

Mojave River Valley Museum
P.O. Box 1282
Barstow, CA 92311

California Historical Society
1120 Old Mill Road
San Marino, CA 91108

Chinese American Museum
Attn.: Sue Ellen Chang
El Pueblo de Los Angeles
Suite 400
Los Angeles, CA 90012

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES & MUSEUMS: NEVADA

Nevada Historical Society
1650 North Virginia Street
Reno, Nevada 89503

Nevada State Museum & Historical Society
700 Twin Lakes Drive
Las Vegas, Nevada 89107

Nevada State Railroad Museum
2180 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89710

Nevada Archaeological Association
PO Box 73145
Las Vegas, NV 89170-3145

BAKER

Baker Community Services District
PO Box 590
Baker, CA 92309

BARSTOW

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Barstow, CA 92311

PARADISE CITY

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City of Victorville Development Director
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Victorville, CA. 92393-5001

LAS VEGAS

Margo Wheeler, AICP
City of Las Vegas Development Services Director
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Las Vegas, NV 89101

RAILROAD ORGANIZATIONS

Pacific Railroad Society
P.O. Box 80726
San Marino, CA 91108-8726

Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society
P.O. Box 93697
Pasadena, CA 91109-3697

San Bernadino Railroad Historical Society
P.O. Box 2878
San Bernadino, CA 92406-2878

California State Railroad Museum
111 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-2265

Las Vegas Railroad Society
4795 Wynn Road,
Las Vegas, Nevada 89103

HIGHWAY ORGANIZATIONS

National Historic Route 66 Federation
P.O. Box 1848, Dept. WS,
Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352-1848

OTHER

Bill Mann
c/o Shortfuse Publishing Co.
30 Hilltop Terrace
Barstow, CA 92311

The Center for Land Use Interpretation
9331 Venice Boulevard
Culver City, CA 90232
Contact: Matt Coolidge

Dick and Kathy Thompson
18757 Kamana Road
Apple Valley, CA 92307

Don Hendricks
609 North Crestline Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89107-1395

Liz Warren
PO Box 19039
Jean, NV 89019

SAMPLE INTERESTED PARTY LETTER: DESERTXPRESS

Date

Name

Address

City, State Zip

RE: Desert Xpress High Speed Train—Request for information on historic properties

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Federal Railroad Administration, Jones & Stokes is preparing historic and cultural resources documentation regarding the private proposal for the DesertXpress high-speed train project, in order to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. As part of our research, we are contacting local historical organizations, libraries, and city planning departments to help identify any historic buildings, districts, sites, objects, or archaeological sites of significance within the project area.

The proposed project involves a high-speed train that extends generally along Interstate 15 (I-15) between Victorville, California and Las Vegas, Nevada. Since the entire alignment is over 177 miles in length, individual Area of Potential Effects (APE) Maps are not being provided; however, specific APE figures of the alignment will be made available upon request. The enclosed Figure 1 is an overall Project Alignment Map from Victorville to Las Vegas. If you have concerns or question about an area, please mark the accompanying map provided, and return to Jones & Stokes, or call the number below to describe portion of the project alignment you would wish to see in more detail.

As part of our survey of the project area, we are examining local, state, and federal lists of historic properties and previous surveys. We are also conducting research on the properties within the project area to determine their archeological, architectural, and historical significance. Our assessments of significance will be based on the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Any information you can provide will help assure that historic properties are considered and protected.

I am enclosing an overall project alignment map, Figure 1, for your review, and to solicit your input. We would appreciate your comments identifying any resources, concerns, or issues pertinent to this project by January 18, 2007. Please feel free to call me at (213) 627-5376 if you have any questions or need any additional information. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

David Greenwood
Architectural Historian II

Figure 1: Overall Project Alignment Map

Letter Dated April 10, 2006 to NAHC

August 10, 2006

Native American Heritage Commission
915 Capitol Mall, Room 364
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Sacred Lands File request for Desert Xpress (Project No: 06334.06)

Dear NAHC:

Jones & Stokes is currently undertaking a cultural resources study for the proposed Desert Xpress project along Interstate 15 between Victorville, California and Las Vegas, Nevada. The accompanying maps include the portion of the project area contained within San Bernardino County (Victorville area to the Nevada border). Each figure displays portions of the project area on 7.5'-series USGS maps with a 1-mile buffer already delineated for your convenience.

Please review the sacred lands files for any Native American cultural resources that may be within or adjacent to the proposed project alignment. I would also like to request a list of Native American individuals and organizations that may have knowledge of cultural resources within the project area.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience at (951) 506-4038 if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you for your assistance.

Best regards,

Christopher L. Shaver
Project Archaeologist
Jones & Stokes

Letter Dated August 24, 2006 from NAHC

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Re: Request for a Sacred Lands File records search for the proposed Desert Xpress Project Victorville are to the Nevada Border, San Bernardino County, California: USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangles include Apple Valley North, Victorville, Turtle Valley, Helendale, Wild Crossing, Hodge, Yermo, Nebo, Hinkley, Barstow, Harvard Hill, Manix, Alvord Mountain East, Croero Hill, Dunn, West of Soda Lake, Soda Lake North, Baker, Halloran Springs, Turquoise Mountain, Valley Wells, Solomons Knob, Mineral Hill, Mescal Range, Clark Mountain, Ivanpah Lake

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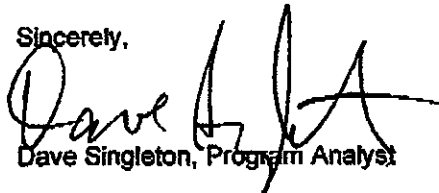
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Early consultation with Native American tribes in your area is the best way to avoid unanticipated discoveries once a project is underway. Enclosed is the name of the nearest tribes that may have knowledge of cultural resources in both project areas. A list of Native American contacts for the project is attached to assist you. The Commission makes no recommendation of a single individual or group over another. It is advisable to contact the person listed; if they cannot supply you with specific information about the impact on cultural resources, they may be able to refer you to another tribe or person knowledgeable of the cultural resources in or near the affected project area.

Lack of surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude the existence of archeological resources. Lead agencies should consider avoidance, as defined in Section 15370 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) when significant cultural resources could be affected by a project. Also, Public Resources Code Section 15064.5(f) and Section 15097.98 and Health & Safety Code Section 7050.6 provide for provisions for accidentally discovered archeological resources during construction and mandate the processes to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a project location other than a 'dedicated cemetery. Discussion of these should be included in your environmental documents, as appropriate.

If you have any questions about this response to your request, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 653-6251.

Sincerely,



Dave Singleton, Program Analyst

Attachment: Native American Contact List

**Native American Contact
San Bernardino County
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(760) 629-4591
(760) 629-5767 Fax

Serrano Band of Indians
Goldie Walker
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Highland, CA 92346 Serrano
(909) 862-9883

Kern Valley Indian Council
Robert Robinson, Historic Preservation Officer
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Weldon, CA 93283 Tubatulabal
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This list is current only as of the date of this document.

Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resources Code and Section 5097.96 of the Public Resources Code.

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources for the proposed Desert Xpress Project No. 06334.06, extends from Victorville to Nevada State Line; San Bernardino County, California.

**Native American Contact
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San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
Deron Marquez, Chairperson
PO Box 266
Patton, CA 92369
dmarquez@sanmanu
(909) 864-8933 EXT
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(909) 864-3370 Fax

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Soboba Band of Mission Indians
Robert J. Salgado, Sr., Chairperson
P.O. Box 487
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Chemehuevi Reservation
Charles Wood, Chairperson
P.O. Box 1976
Chemehuevi Valley, CA 92363
chemehuevit@yahoo.
(760) 858-4301

(760) 858-5400 Fax

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Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
Nora McDowell, Chairperson
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Needles, CA 92363
mojave@ftmojave.
(760) 629-4591

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This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources for the proposed Desert Xpress Project No. 06334.06, extends from Victorville to Nevada State Line; San Bernardino County, California.

List of Native American Groups and Letter

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**SAMPLE NATIVE AMERICAN LETTER—SENT MARCH 8, 2007:
DESERTXPRESS**

San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
Deron Marquez, Chairperson
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Dear Mr. Marquez:

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is in the process of conducting a cultural resources study for a private proposal to construct and operate the Desert Xpress high-speed rail line between Victorville, California and Las Vegas, Nevada. The high speed trains would travel between Victorville and Las Vegas in under 1 hour and 45 minutes. Jim Shearer of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has agreed to act as the point of contact for both the BLM and FRA since the majority of this proposed project is located on public land administered by BLM (See the accompanying general area maps illustrating the proposed rail line alternatives). FRA and BLM are contacting you to request your participation in the preparation of studies to identify traditional cultural properties, sacred sites, resource collecting areas, or any other areas that may be of concern to your tribe.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, FRA is serving as the lead Federal agency and BLM, the Surface Transportation Board (STB), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are cooperating agencies for the proposed project. FRA has determined that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for the proposed project. CirclePoint and Jones & Stokes are assisting FRA and the cooperating agencies in preparing the EIS and in completing an archaeological inventory of the project area in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (16 USC 470).

Since the entire alignment is approximately 190 miles long, individual USGS 7.5'-series topographic maps for the entire alignment are not being provided. However, specific figures of the alignment will be made available upon request. If you have concerns or questions about a specific area along the path of the alignment, please mark the accompanying map and return it in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope or call the phone number below to describe portions of the project alignment you would wish to see in more detail.

Jones & Stokes has completed a search of the prehistoric and historic resource files at the San Bernardino County Archaeological Information Center as well as at the Harry Reid Center for Environmental Studies Division of Cultural Resources at University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Both of these institutions provided information regarding numerous archaeological sites within the project area along its 190-mile length. In an effort to supplement this data, Jones & Stokes also initiated a search with the California Native

American Heritage Commission's (NAHC) Sacred Land Files. However, no resources were identified by the NAHC within the project area.

The purpose of this letter is to consult with you on a government-to-government basis and to solicit your input regarding the proposed project. If you have any knowledge regarding traditional cultural properties, sacred sites, resource collecting areas, or any other areas of concern, we would like to hear from you or a member of your tribe. Knowing that some information is not available outside of the Native American Community, we encourage your participation in this investigation. Providing comments now does not limit your ability to comment at a later time. FRA will ensure that any information that you provide to us will remain subject to the confidentiality provisions of NHPA (Section 304).

At your request, BLM management and staff will be available to meet with you to discuss any concerns you may have with the proposed Desert Xpress project and to resolve any resource conflicts related to the proposed project. Please contact Mr. Jim Shearer at the following address if you have any questions or if you wish to participate in a meeting on this project or related issues.

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Comments, suggestions or concerns should be provided to Mr. Shearer by phone or by letter no later than Friday, March 30, 2007 so that we may include your views in our report. In addition, you may contact me at (202) 493-6368 directly should you have any concerns or questions regarding the overall environmental process.

Sincerely,

David Valenstein
Environmental Program Manager

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Enclosures