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Ms. Amy Catania  
Executive Director  
Historic Saranac Lake  
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RE: New York Central Railroad  
Adirondack Division

Dear Ms. Catania,

Thank you for your letter of September 20<sup>th</sup> regarding the historic Adirondack Division of the New York and Central Railroad. This historic transportation corridor—which spans over one hundred miles and links Remsen in Oneida County with Lake Placid in Essex County—and its associated physical features were listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places in 1993. As such, the railroad is afforded some measure of protection from State and Federal actions under Section 14.09 of the State Historic Preservation Act (1980) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (1966), and is also considered “historic” for purposes of review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). Any involvement by a State or Federal agency—such as funding, sponsorship, or licensing—in a project which could potentially impact or impair the qualities which make the railroad significant would trigger applicable laws and require consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office.

The removal of the railroad tracks from the historic right-of-way would be considered an Adverse Impact under Section 14.09 of the State Historic Preservation Act or an Adverse Effect under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. To quote from the nomination document, Section 7 page 1, “Extant contributing structures encompassed in the nomination include the right of way (tracks and ties, counted as one structure)...” The term “contributing” means these features are considered historic and are an important component of the nomination. Their removal would diminish those qualities which made the railroad State and National Register of Historic Places eligible.

Please feel free to call me anytime at (518) 237.8643, extension 3265, or contact me by email at [William.Krattinger@oprhp.state.ny.us](mailto:William.Krattinger@oprhp.state.ny.us), if you feel there is anything I can do to assist you this or other historic preservation initiatives in the Saranac Lake area.

Sincerely,

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