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Thanks Bob. I will send this on to our division bridge engineer in Hawaii

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Ann and Everett-

Based upon my review of the legislative history of the Historic Bridge Program (23 USC 144(o)) and our conversation yesterday, I think that a State is responsible for inventorying the historic bridges in its State that it is responsible for. That would include local bridges (owned by an entity of the State such as a city or county), but it does not mean that the State is responsible for bridges owned by agencies of the Federal government. A State has not legal authority over such bridges.

The term “inventory” is broad enough, I think, to be interpreted to mean that as long as a State can extract from the NBI the identity of the historic bridges under its authority, it has an inventory of historic bridges. The requirement of section 144(o)(2) would therefore be met.

Bob