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HISTORIC BRIDGE AVAILABLE FOR RELOCATION

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 800.2 and 36 CFR Part 800.6, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Kay County hereby declare their intent to correct a structurally deficient bridge, Structure 36E0280N3210003, on County Road EW-28 over Bird's Nest Creek south of Tonkawa, Oklahoma. The bridge has been determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The proposed project may include removal of the existing structure and replacement with a new bridge, which will have an adverse effect to the historic bridge. ODOT and Kay County are seeking public input to the project. In addition, should it be determined that the existing structure be removed, ODOT and Kay County are looking for any interested parties willing to assume ownership of and relocate the historic bridge. ODOT and Kay County are interested in donating the historic bridge to any private or public party willing and able to relocate and maintain the structure at another site. The historic Camelback pony truss is 92 feet long and was erected in 1915. More information can be obtained at www.okladot.state.ok.us/env-programs/bridges/index.php

If any party is interested in assuming ownership of and moving this bridge to another site, they must submit a written statement of interest to the Environmental Programs Division Engineer, Oklahoma Department of Transportation, 200 Northeast 21st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73105-3204. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation Cultural Resources Program may be contacted for further information (405-325-7201). Statements of interest must be received no later than 45 days from date of publication of this legal notice.

All respondents whose statement of interest demonstrates a viable capability to move, rebuild, and maintain the historic integrity bridge will be provided with an information packet containing details of the bridge, photographs, a location map, and appropriate stipulations regarding historic preservation, rehabilitation, and maintenance. Respondents must then submit a detailed proposal to the Department of Transportation to be approved by the Federal Highway Administration and the Oklahoma State Historical Society. These proposals must be submitted by 45 days from deadline for statements of interest, at the latest. Preference will be given to respondents who can move the bridge within a reasonably short time frame and whose proposals demonstrate a commitment to maintaining the structure's historic integrity at a publicly accessible site. The recipient must also agree to assume all legal and financial liability for operation and use of the bridge at its new location.

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION