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Jeff Forbis  
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Dear Mr. Forbis:

The Shasta-Trinity and Lassen National Forests are working together to respond to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) Docket No. AB-914X McCloud Railway Company Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service Exemption.

As noted in our December 6, 2006, letter, STB approval of the abandonment will trigger the termination of your Special Use Permit dated June 8, 1998. Your current authorization is for maintenance and operation of "a common carrier railroad...." Abandonment of this designation will terminate your use as a railroad for this portion of the line. Upon termination, a Removal and Restoration Plan will be mutually developed to address the improvements and facilities that must be removed.

We have conducted a brief field evaluation of the permit parcels and believe the rails and ties comprise the majority of the improvements located on National Forest System lands. Hazardous materials within the right-of-way, riparian stream crossings and bridges may also pose a concern; additional information will be needed to assess these items.

We would like to begin development of this plan as soon as possible to ensure that work can be performed during the field season. Please contact Special Use Officer Stacy Smith at (530) 926-9643 before March 20, 2008, to arrange a date to meet with representatives from both Forests or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Scott G. Armentrout (for)*  
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Forest Supervisor  
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I concur: */s/ Kathleen S. Morse*  
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