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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
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Dear Ms. Brown:

SUBJECT: Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – in Ontonagon and Houghton Counties, Michigan, STB Docket No. AB-415 (Sub-No. 2X)

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) hereby respectfully requests a 180-day extension of the railbanking period provided by your Decision of September 24, 2013. The DNR and the Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad Company are continuing negotiations for trail use over the 42.93-mile rail line between milepost 408.02 at Ontonagon and milepost 365.09 at Sidnaw, in Ontonagon and Houghton Counties, Michigan.

Should you require further information regarding this request, please contact Mr. Roger Storm, DNR Trailway Acquisition Specialist, at 517-284-5968; or by writing to P.O. Box 30448, Lansing, MI 48909-7948; or you may contact me.

Sincerely,

James Radabaugh
State Trails Coordinator
517-284-6124

cc: Mr. John Larkin, Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad Co.
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