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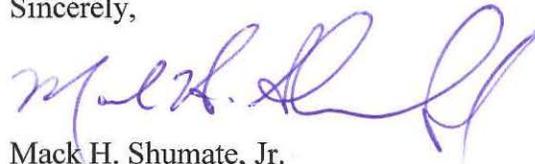
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Re: Proposed Abandonment of and Discontinuance of Service on the Bailey Branch from M. P. 671.58 near Monroe to M. P. 682.25 near Greenberry, and the Hull Oakes Lead from M. P. 673.21 near Alpine Jct. to M. P. 680.06 near Dawson in Benton County, Oregon; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 257X) and AB-986 (Sub-No. 1X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received a New Notice of Interim Trail Use from the Benton County Board of Commissioners ("Commissioners") dated July 2, 2013 asking for 90 days to complete negotiations for the acquisition under the provisions 16 U.S.C. §1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 regarding that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way known as the Bailey Branch from M.P. 671.58 near Monroe, to M.P. 682.25 near Greenberry and the Hull Oakes lead from M.P. 673.21 near Alpine Junction to M.P. 680.06 near Dawson, a total distance of 17.86 miles in Benton County, Oregon. In that the proposed abandonment has not been consummated and the Union Pacific and the Commissioners have reached agreement on the terms of sale of the Line for trail use, Union Pacific hereby supports the Benton County Board of Commissioners' request for a 90-day extension in which to complete the acquisition. A copy of the Benton County Board of Commissioners' request is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and hereby made a part hereof.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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July 2, 2013

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Re: Issue a New Notice of Interim Trail Use –
Union Pacific Railroad – Abandonment – Benton County, Oregon
STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-no. 257X)

The abandonment authorized by the STB Board in the docket listed above has not yet been consummated due to an existing historical condition. However, Benton County and Union Pacific have reached agreement on the terms of sale for the right-of-way, bridges and culverts on the lines in question.

Therefore, Benton County requests that the Board issue a new Notice of Interim Trail Use for 90 days on the Bailey Branch and Hull-Oaks Lead. The property extends from milepost 682.25 near Greenberry to milepost 671.58 near Monroe and from milepost 673.21 near Alpine Junction to milepost 680.06 near Dawson. This is a total distance of 17.86 miles in Benton County, Oregon.

For the establishment of interim trail use and rail banking, Benton County is willing to assume full responsibility for management of, for any legal liability arising out of the transfer or use of (unless the user is immune from liability, in which case it need only indemnify the railroad against any potential liability), and for the payment of any and all taxes that may be assessed against the right-of-way currently owned and operated by Union Pacific.

Sincerely,


Annabelle E. Jaramillo,
Benton County Commission

Cc: Kevin Kohler
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EXHIBIT A