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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief  
Section of Administration  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Subject: Proposed West Michigan Railroad Co. — Abandonment Exemption in Van Buren County, MI. —STB Docket No. AB-1107X

Dear Ms. Brown:

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) hereby respectfully requests an extension of 180 days from the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to negotiate trail use over the line (1) between mileposts 19.88 and 25.1, and (2) between mileposts 26.5 and 30.2 in Van Buren County, MI. By decision served on December 22, 2015, the STB established an expiration date for trail use negotiation of May 26, 2016.

DNR is e-filing this letter. Thank you for your assistance. 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, Michigan 48909-7948; or you may contact me.

Sincerely,

Matt Lincoln, Land Liaison  
Parks and Recreation Division  
517-284-6111

- cc: Audrey L. Brodrick, Attorney for West Michigan Railroad Co.
- Mr. Mark Hoffman, Chief Administration Officer, DNR
- Dr. William Moritz, Natural Resources Deputy, DNR
- Mr. Trevor VanDyke, Director, Legislative & Legal Affairs Office, DNR
- Mr. Paul Yauk, State Trails Coordinator, DNR
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