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Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub. No. 140), Union Pacific Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Lancaster and Gage Counties, Nebraska and Marshall County, Kansas (Beatrice Branch)

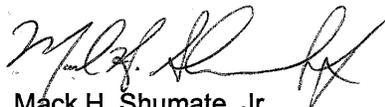
Dear Mr. Williams:

In August of 1999, Union Pacific Railroad Company filed an Abandonment application to abandon service over a 57.72 mile line of railroad from Milepost 66.0 near Jamaica, NE to Milepost 125.0 near Marietta, KS, in Lancaster and Gage Counties, Nebraska and Marshall County, Kansas. Operations have been discontinued on the northern segment between Milepost 66.0 near Jamaica, NE to MP 95.0 near Beatrice, NE by letter to the Board dated January 17, 2000. Operation have been discontinued on the southern segment between MP 95.0 near Beatrice, NE to MP 125.0 near Marietta, KS by letter to the Board dated January 31, 2000. The line was encumbered by a trail condition, from Milepost 66.0 to Milepost 125.0. The trail condition was extended numerous times to facilitate acquisition of the right-of-way by City of Beatrice, the Nebraska Trails Foundation, Inc and the Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District. The trail condition was last extended to December 6, 2001, by the Board's Decision served June 8, 2001.

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Board that in accordance with the letter notice served on the Board on December 5, 2001, on February 28, 2002, the Line that was subjected to the National Trails System Act was conveyed to Nebraska Trails Foundation, Inc. (Foundation). The conveyance was pursuant to the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1247(d). The Foundation will control the property until such time they distribute segments for use and control to other entities.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the board's use and distribution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mack H. Shumate, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Mack H. Shumate, Jr.,
Senior General Attorney

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Enclosure