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Via FAX

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Dear Secretary Williams:

We are asking that we be granted another 180 day period in which to complete the negotiations for interim trail use of the railroad right-of-way designated as AB 33 (Sub No. 202X) . This right-of-way extends from Coulter to Hampton in Franklin County, Iowa. It is 7.84 miles in length.

We were unable to complete the acquisition of this right-of-way for use as a trail within the first 180 days we were given but expect to complete our negotiations within the next 180 days, when we are hopeful sufficient funding will become available.

We are also sending a copy of this request by FAX to the Union Pacific Railroad offices in Omaha and Chicago and are sending ten copies by mail to you under separate cover.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

Affiliates: American Discovery Trail Society-American Hiking Society-Rails/Trails Conservancy-American Trails