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Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 "K" Street, N.W., Room 504
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: Proposed Abandonment of an Eastern Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from M.P. 318.36 near Hampton to M.P.294.75 near Coulter, a distance of 23.61 miles in Franklin and Butler Counties, Iowa; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 200X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received a request from the Iowa Trails Council seeking the issuance of a Certificate or Notice of Interim Trail Use pursuant to 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 Eastern Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from Milepost 318.36 near Hampton, Iowa to Milepost 294.75 near Coulter Iowa, a distance of 23.61 miles in Franklin and Butler Counties, Iowa. The Union Pacific is willing to negotiate with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports the Council's request to negotiate for a period of 180 days. A copy of the Iowa Trails Council's request is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof.

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

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures

cc: Brian O'Boyle <STB - Fax 202/565-9004>
Iowa Trails Council

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March 19, 2004

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Ref. AB 33 (Sub No. 200X)

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We are requesting 180 days additional time in which to complete our negotiations to acquire the soon to be abandoned Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way between Milepost 318.36 near Hampton in Franklin County, Iowa and Milepost 294.75 near Allison in Butler County, Iowa.

We are making arrangements for financing this acquisition but require additional time in which to complete these arrangements.

We are requesting the cooperation of the Union Pacific Railroad in continuing these negotiations and are sending, via FAX, copies of this request to the STB to Union Pacific's Chicago and Omaha offices. We are initially sending this request to you via FAX, with ten copies being mailed by regular postal service.

Your granting of this additional time in which to complete these negotiations will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

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

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