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Via Facsimile #202/565-9002 and UP Overnight Mail

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

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ATTN: Taledia Stokes

RE: Docket No. AB-33(Sub-No.227X), Union Pacific Railroad Company
- **Abandonment Exemption - In Carribou County, Idaho from M.P. 23.90 to**
M.P. 24.11 (Dry Valley Subdivision)

Dear Mr. Williams:

Please be advised that there are no stations on the Line in the Dry Valley Subdivision regarding the captioned Petition for Exemption.

Union Pacific Railroad Company submits the original and ten (10) copies of this letter for the Board's further use and distribution.

Sincerely yours,

Mack H. Shumate, Jr.
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Enclosures



October 11, 2004

State Clearinghouse (or alternate):

Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P. O. Box 83720
472 West Washington St.
Boise, ID 83702

State Environmental Protection Agency:

Idaho Division of Environmental Quality
1410 N. Hilton
Boise, ID 83706

**State Coastal Zone Management Agency
(if applicable):**

None

Head of each County:

Caribou County Commissioners
County Courthouse
159 S. Main Street
Soda Springs, ID 83276-1427

**Environmental Protection Agency
(Regional Office):**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 10
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

U.S. Fish and Wildlife:

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Region 1
911 NE 11th Avenue
Portland, OR 97232-4181

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

U.S. Army Engineer District
Walla Walla
201 North Third Avenue
Walla Walla, WA 99362-1876

National Park Service:

National Park Service
William D. Shaddox
Chief, Land Resources Division
1849 "C" St., N. W., #MS3540
Washington, DC 20240

U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service:

State Conservationist
Natural Resource Conservation Service
9173 W. Barnes Drive, Ste. C
Boise, ID 83709-1573

National Geodetic Survey:

National Geodetic Survey
Edward J. McKay, Chief
Spatial Reference System Division
NOAA N/NGS2
1315 E-W Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282

State Historic Preservation Office:

State Historic Preservation Officer
Idaho Historical Society
1109 Main St., Suite 250
Boise, ID 83702

Re: Proposed Abandonment of the Dry Valley Subdivision from M. P. 23.90 to M. P. 24.11 near Dry Valley in Caribou County, Idaho; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 227X)

Law Department

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD
1400 Douglas St., Stop 1580, Omaha, NE 68179-1580
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Dear Sirs:

Union Pacific Railroad Company plans to request authority from the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to abandon and discontinue service on the Dry Valley Subdivision from M. P. 23.90 to M. P. 24.11 near Dry Valley, a distance of 0.21 miles in Caribou County, Idaho. A map of the proposed track abandonment shown in black is attached.

Pursuant to the STB's regulations at 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, and the environmental regulations at 40 C.F. R. Part 1105.7, this is to again request your assistance in identifying any potential effects of this action as indicated in the paragraphs below. We do not anticipate any adverse environmental impacts. However, if you identify any adverse environmental impacts, describe any actions that are proposed in order to mitigate the environmental impacts. Please provide us with a written response that can be included in an Environmental Report, which will be sent to the STB.

LOCAL AND/OR REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCIES. State whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Describe any inconsistencies.

U. S. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE. State the effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land.

U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (And State Game And Parks Commission, If Addressed). State (1) whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, describe the effects, and, (2) whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected, and describe any effects.

STATE WATER QUALITY OFFICIALS. State whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or Local water quality standards. Describe any inconsistencies.

U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS. State (1) whether permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S. C. § 1344) are required for the proposed action and (2) whether any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected. Describe the effects.

U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (OR EQUIVALENT AGENCY). (1) Identify any potential effects on the surrounding area, (2) identify the location of hazardous waste sites and known hazardous material spills on the right-of-way and list the types of hazardous materials involved, and (3) state whether permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1342) are required for the proposed action.

Thank you for your assistance. Please send your reply to Union Pacific Railroad, Mr. Chuck Saylor, 1400 Douglas Street, Mail Stop 1580, Omaha, NE, 68179. If you need further information, please contact me at (402) 544-4861.

Yours truly,

Charles W. Saylor
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Attachment