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April 11, 2005



**VIA U.P.S. OVERNIGHT**

Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

**RE: Proposed Abandonment of the Hoisington Subdivision from M. P. 664.5 near Healy to M. P. 606.0 near Mc Cracken, a distance of 58.5 miles in Lane, Ness and Rush Counties, Kansas; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 214X)**

**Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad, Inc. -- Discontinuance Exemption -- In Lane, Ness and Rush Counties, Kansas; STB Docket No. AB-853 (Sub-No. 2X)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Union Pacific Railroad Company has received a request from the Sunflower Recreational Trails, Inc. dated April 11, 2005, requesting extension of the Notice of Interim Trail Use for an additional 180 days, until October 9, 2005, regarding that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way known as the Hoisington Subdivision from M.P. 664.5 near Healy to M.P. 606.0 near McCracken, a distance of 58.5 miles in Lane, Ness and Rush Counties, Kansas. The Union Pacific is willing to continue negotiating with the Sunflower Recreational Trails, Inc. concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports the Sunflower Recreational Trails' request to negotiate for an additional period of 180 days. A copy of the Sunflower Recreational Trails' request is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof.

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mack H. Shumate, Jr.", written over a circular stamp.

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Enclosures

cc: Sunflower Recreational Trails, Inc.



**Sunflower Recreational Trails, Inc.**  
**PO Box 44-2043**  
**Lawrence, Kansas 66044-8935**

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RE: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No 214X) Union Pacific Railroad Company  
Abandonment Exemption in Lane, Ness and Rush Counties, KS

Dear Mr. Williams:

On October 14, 2004, the Surface Transportation Board granted a request for interim trail use (NITU) for AB-33 (Sub-No 214X) Union Pacific Railroad Company in Lane, Ness and Rush Counties, KS, extending from Mile Post 664.5 near Healy to Mile Post 606.0 near McCracken, a distance of 58.5 miles.

Due to ongoing negotiations with the Union Pacific Railroad Co., Sunflower Recreation Trails Inc. requests an extension of NITU for an additional 180 days (until October 9, 2005.)

Enclosed is the fee of \$350 as well as ten copies for your distribution.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "ROSS GREATHOUSE".

Ross Greathouse  
For the Foundation  
3901 South 27<sup>th</sup> Street, No. 29  
Lincoln, NE 68502

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Cc: Mack Shumate, Jr., Senior General Counsel, UP  
Jim Hild, LP  
Larry Rhodes, SRT Treasurer  
Clark Coan, SRT Secretary

