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VIA UPS NEXT DAY AIR

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

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**RE: Docket No. AB-33(Sub-No.225X), Union Pacific Railroad Company
Abandonment of the Thornton Industrial Lead from Milepost 2.0 near Flint
to Milepost 17.14 near Thornton, a distance of 15.14 miles in Cerro Gordo
County, Iowa**

Dear Mr. Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received a third 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 Thornton Industrial Lead from Milepost 2.0 near Flint, Iowa to Milepost 17.14 near Thornton Iowa, a distance of 15.14 miles in Cerro Gordo County, Iowa. The Union Pacific is willing to continue negotiating with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports the Council's request for extension 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mack H. Shumate, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Enclosures

cc: Iowa Trails Council



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May 22, 2006

Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
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AB-33 (Sub No. 225X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

We are requesting an additional 180 days in which to complete negotiations to acquire the Union Pacific Railroad's right-of-way between milepost 2.0 near Flint, Iowa in Cerro Gordo County to milepost 17.14 near Thornton, Iowa, also in Cerro Gordo County, Iowa.

Hopefully this will be the last extension of negotiation time we will be requesting as we expect to finalize negotiations very soon.

We are mailing ten copies of this request to you and are mailing a copy, also sending a copy to the Union Pacific offices in both Chicago and Omaha,

Thanking you for your consideration in this matter, I remain

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

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

