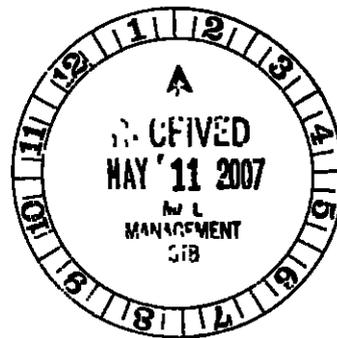


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**VIA UPS NEXT DAY AIR**  
Mr Vernon Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
Section of Environmental Analysis  
1925 "K" Street, N.W , Room 504  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**RE: Docket No. AB-33(Sub-No.175X), Union Pacific Railroad Company -  
Abandonment Exemption - - In Hamilton County, Iowa (Ellsworth Industrial  
Lead)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received a request from the Iowa Trails Council representing the Hamilton County Conservation Board of Hamilton County, Iowa requesting 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 Ellsworth Industrial Lead from M P 0 0 near Jewell to the end of the track at M. P. 3.2 at Ellsworth, a distance of 3 2 miles in Hamilton County, Iowa (the "Line")

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 dated April 30, 2007 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,

*Mack H Shumate Jr.*  
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Enclosures

cc Tom F Neenan  
Iowa Trails Council