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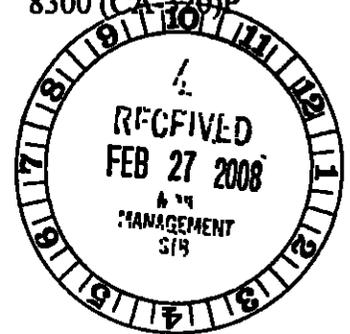
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In reply refer to  
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February 22, 2008



Honorable Vernon Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW Room 1149  
Washington, D C 20423-0001

Re STB Docket No AB-12 (Sub-No 184x) Abandonment Exemption – Wendel-  
Alturas Line in Modoc and Lassen Counties, CA (Related to FD 32706),  
Request for Extension of NITU Negotiating Period

Dear Secretary Williams:

The attached letter of support from the California Wildlife Conservation Board is submitted to supplement our request for rail banking extension dated February 15, 2008

We appreciate your consideration of this request

An additional 10 copies of this letter are attached for your files

If you need additional information please contact me at 530-233-7904 or at [tburke@ca.blm.gov](mailto:tburke@ca.blm.gov).

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Sincerely,

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February 19, 2008



Matthew Sayles  
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Dear Mr Sayles:

Modoc Line  
 Lassen and Modoc Counties

Staff of the Wildlife Conservation Board is pleased to be working on the Modoc Line acquisition project. The project provides an unprecedented opportunity in California to protect abandoned regional rail line corridors to provide public access extending over 2000 acres for walking, hiking, bicycling, horse riding and bird watching. Further significance of the proposed rail line corridor conversion is its ability to provide public access to large blocks of Bureau of Land Management lands that are currently without access.

The Land Acquisition Evaluation proposal for this project has been approved by the Department of Fish and Game's Regional Managers Operation Committee and should be received in our offices this week. In the interim, the appraisal report has been transmitted to the Department of General Services for review and must be approved prior to placing a proposed grant to the Lassen Land and Trails Trust on an agenda for consideration by the Wildlife Conservation Board.

It is the practice of the Wildlife Conservation Board to have projects ready for consideration by the Board prior to its consideration. While the time frame is close for the upcoming May meeting, we remain optimistic that staff can accomplish all that is necessary to move forward at that time.

Please feel free to contact me at (916) 445-0137, or Bob Clark at (916) 323-8981, if you have any questions relative to the Modoc Line project.

Sincerely,

*John P. Donnelly*  
 John P. Donnelly  
 Executive Director

cc: Jim Branham, Executive Officer  
 Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Bob Clark, Senior Land Agent  
 Wildlife Conservation Board