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April 3, 2009

Honorable Anne K. Quinlan  
Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 F Street, S.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20423

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RE: Docket No. AB-364 (Sub-No. 14X), *Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc -  
Abandonment Exemption- in Kent, Ionia, and Montcalm Counties, MI*

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of a Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility filed by the Friends of the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail. Also enclosed is a check for the filing fee of \$450.

Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and the Statement and return them in the enclosed stamped envelope. Thank you for your assistance.

If you have any questions please call or email me.

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Sincerely yours,

*Franz J. Mogdis*  
Franz J. Mogdis, Chairman  
Friends of Fred Meijer Heartland Trail  
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Enclosures

Cc: Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc.

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Docket No AB-364 (Sub-No 14X)  
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MID-MICHIGAN RAILROAD, INC –ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION–  
IN KENT, IONIA, AND MONTCALM COUNTIES, MI  
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STATEMENT OF WILLINGNESS TO ASSUME FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY  
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In order to establish interim trail use and rail banking under 16 U.S.C. §1247(d) and 49 CFR §1152.29, Friends of the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail ("FFMHT") is willing to assume full responsibility for management of, for any legal liability arising out of the transfer or use of, and for the payment of any and all taxes that may be levied or assessed against the right-of-way owned and operated by Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc ("MMRR"). The property is the northern portion of the Lowell to Greenville Line, and extends from railroad milepost 81.32, at Washington Street (M-57) in Greenville, to railroad milepost 78.50, near Greenville at the end of the line (Peck Road), a distance of 2.82 miles in Montcalm County, MI. The right-of-way is part of a line of railroad exempted for abandonment in Docket No. STB AB-364 (Sub-No 14X). The abandonment of this portion of the line has not been consummated. FFMHT requests a 180-day period in which to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking with MMRR.

A map of the property depicting the right-of-way is attached.

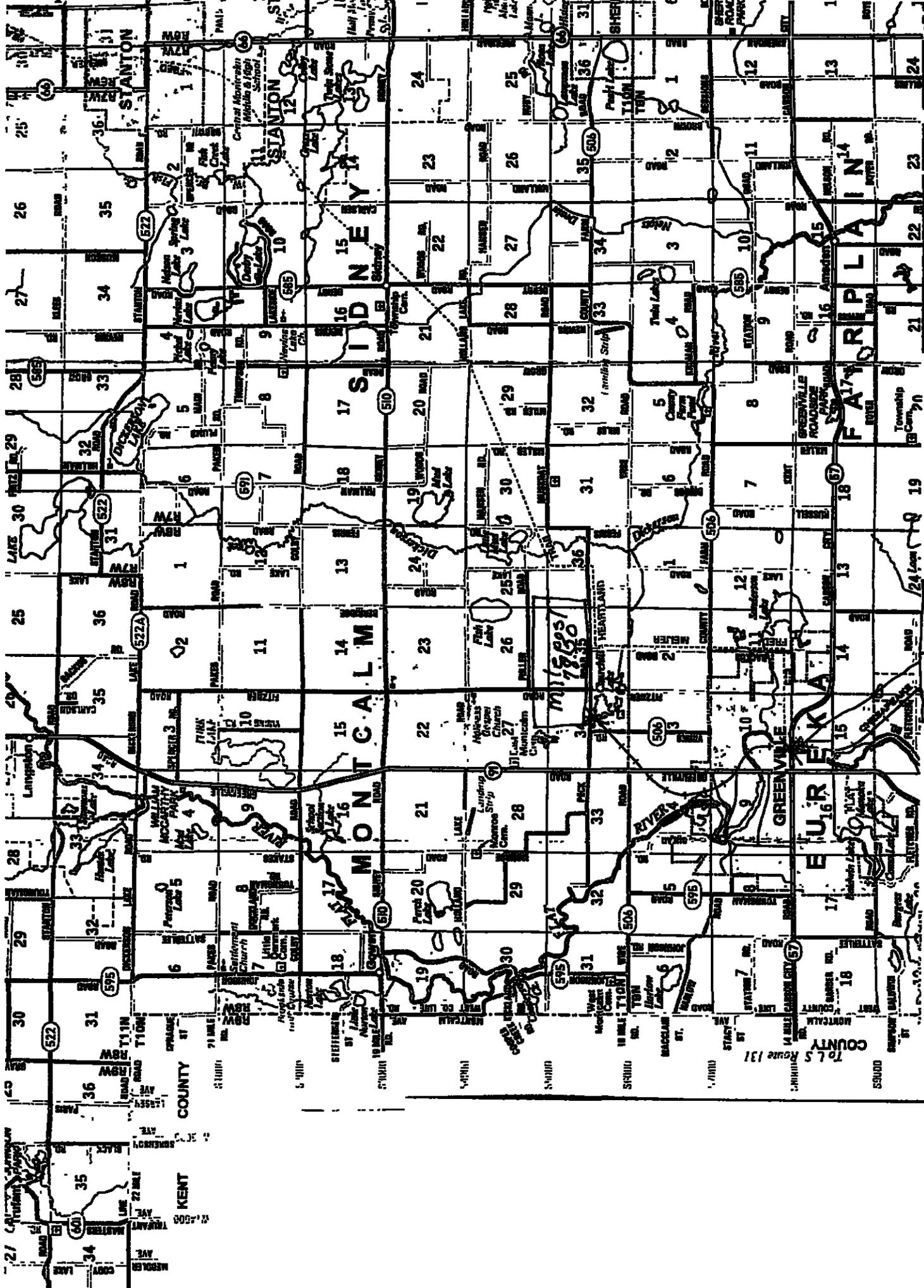
FFMHT acknowledges that use of the right-of-way is subject to the user's continuing to meet its responsibilities described above and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of the right-of-way for rail service. A copy of this statement is being served on the MMRR on the same date it is being served on the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Franz J. Mogdis".

Franz J. Mogdis, Chairman  
Friends of Fred Meijer Heartland Trail

Dated April 3, 2009



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