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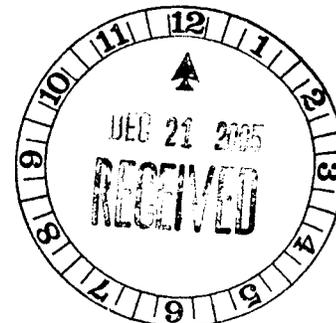
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Mr. Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20423-0001



Dear Mr. Williams:

SUBJECT: Docket No. AB-68 (Sub-No. 4X), *Lake Superior & Ishpeming Railroad Company*  
– *Abandonment Exemption – in Marquette County, MI*

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Lake Superior & Ishpeming Railroad Company have successfully completed negotiations on a trail use agreement pursuant to the Notice of Interim Trail Use, the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. §1247(d), and applicable regulations at 49 CFR §1152.29. The agreement reached is on Segment Three of the Republic Subdivision, extending from railroad milepost 85.6 at Humboldt Junction to railroad milepost 94.5 at Republic Mine, a distance of 8.9 miles in Marquette County, Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,

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