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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 202)

BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY--ABANDONMENT--
IN LATAH AND NEZ PERCE COUNTIES, ID

Decided: August 12, 1997

On May 22, 1997, American Trails Association, Inc. (ATA) filed a request under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1247(d), for issuance of a certificate of interim trail use (CITU) for the right-of-way involved in this proceeding.¹

ATA supplemented its request on June 12, 1997, noting that the right-of-way was acquired by the Palouse River & Coulee City Railroad, Inc., as part of the transaction in Palouse River & Coulee City Railroad, Inc.--Acquisition Exemption--Burlington Northern Railroad Company, STB Finance Docket No. 33041 (STB served Sept. 27, 1996). Subsequently, by letter filed July 25, 1997, ATA requests withdrawal of its CITU request. The withdrawal request will be granted, and the proceeding will be discontinued.

It is ordered:

1. ATA's request to withdraw its CITU request is granted.
2. The proceeding is discontinued.
3. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

¹ By decisions served September 14, 1984, and October 17, 1984, BN was authorized to abandon the line of railroad extending between milepost 86.80 near Moscow, ID, and milepost 123.50 near Arrow, ID, a distance of 36.73 miles, in Latah and Nez Perce Counties, ID. A certificate and decision was issued on October 29, 1984. Thereafter, BN filed on March 15, 1985, a letter indicating that the abandonment was effected on March 8, 1985.