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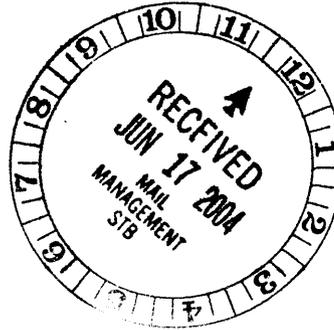
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Ms. Victoria Rutson, Chief
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Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
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Re: STB Finance Docket 34284

Dear Ms. Rutson:

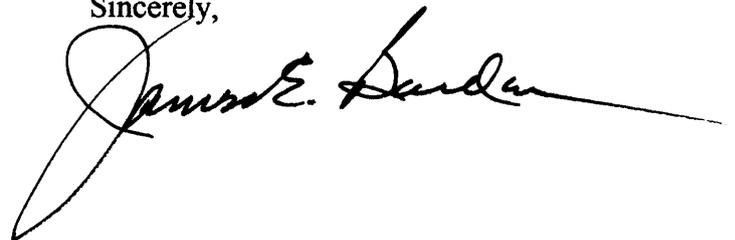
At the request of some of the interested parties I am writing to reiterate the county's concerns regarding the construction of a railroad from the Union Pacific line to a planned quarry operation.

From the beginning we have stated two areas of concern. The first has to do with crossings by the proposed rail line of county and state roads. We want to see that careful attention is given by all authorities to having the safest road/highway crossing available under the circumstances.

Our second concern has to do with the construction of any rail line crossing the low lying flood prone areas. We have consistently asked that any rail construction be as open as possible so as not to add to flooding problems inherent in the area.

Thank you for receiving these brief comments and for the consideration you are giving these and other areas of concern.

Sincerely,



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