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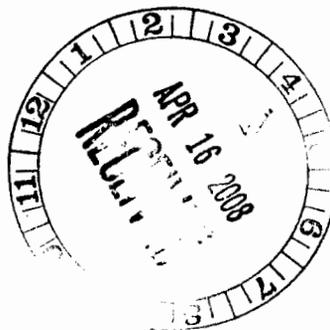
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February 16, 2008

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Re: STB Docket No. AB-857 (Sub-No. 1X), Great Western Railway of Colorado, LLC -- Abandonment Exemption -- In Weld County, Colorado

Dear Ms. Rutson:

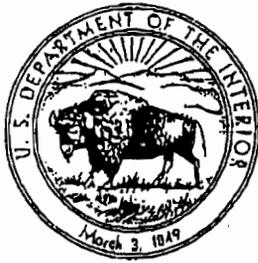
On February 21, 2008, we submitted to your office copies of the Environmental and Historic Reports in the above-captioned matter. Attached please find ten (10) copies of an additional response we received from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Karl Morell.

Karl Morell

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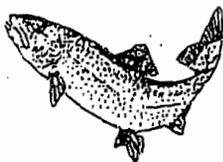
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**RE: ES/CO: T&E/List Tails 65412-2007-TA-0004**  
**Docket No. AB-857 (Sub-No. 1), Great Western Railway of**  
**Colorado, LLC --Abandonment Exemption--In Weld County,**  
**CO**

Dear Ms. Linner:

On or shortly after March 12, 2008, Great Western Railway of Colorado, LLC ("GWRC") will be filing with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon the 6.2-mile rail line located between milepost 0.0, at Johnstown, and milepost 6.2, at Welty, in Weld County, Colorado (the "Line"). Attached are an Environmental Report and Historic Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental and historic effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

We are providing these reports so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental and historic analyses of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the STB's environmental review process, please contact the Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001, Telephone (202) 245-0295, and refer to the above Docket No. AB-857 (Sub-No. 1). Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to SEA (with a copy to the undersigned) would be appreciated within 3 weeks.

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Your comments will be considered by the STB in evaluating the environmental and/or historic preservation impacts of the contemplated action. If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact the undersigned by telephone at (202) 638-3307 or by mail at Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F Street, N.W., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karl Morell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "K".

Karl Morell  
Attorney for Great Western Railway of  
Colorado, LLC

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