



October 13, 2004



**Via UPS Over-Night Delivery**

Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 "K" Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20423-0001

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**Re: Docket No. Ab-33(Sub-No. 153X) - Union Pacific Railroad Company -  
- Abandonment Exemption - in Monroe County, IA (Oskaloosa  
Subdivision between Eddyville, IA and Maxon, IA)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Union Pacific Railroad Company ('Union Pacific') has received a request from the Iowa Trails Council for an 180-day extension in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition of that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way in Monroe County, Iowa between Milepost 315.0 and 322.9 for an interim recreational trail. The Union Pacific is willing to continue to negotiate with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the subject property for interim recreational trail use and supports the Iowa Trails Council's request for an extension of the negotiation period for 180-days commencing October 12, 2004. A copy of the Iowa Trails Council's request is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof.

An additional ten (10) copies of this letter and exhibit are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

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Very truly yours,

Enclosures

cc: Tom F. Neenan,  
Iowa Trails Council

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✓ September 30, 2004

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Re. AB 33 (Sub. No. 153X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

We have not been able to complete negotiations for the acquisition of the above referenced Union Pacific railroad right-of-way in Monroe County, Iowa. An offer has been made to purchase this land for use as a trail in an interim period authorized by federal legislation but we have not received a reply from the Railroad as of this date.

We are asking for an extension of time in which to complete these negotiations and ask that the usual period of 180 days be granted, although we are hoping there not be a need for the full amount of this time.

A copy of this letter is being provided to the Union Pacific Railroad offices in both Omaha and Chicago.

We thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

Affiliates: American Discovery Trail Society-American Hiking Society-Ralls/Trails Conservancy-American Trail Society

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