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Dear Cynthia Brown:

I have been journeying to Browns Canyon National Monument at least every year for around 15 years to float the Colorado River. Each year during springtime, I watch the geese paddle into the river with their chicks following them. I have seen bighorn sheep and deer. This river corridor is a special place for wildlife.

These waters are particularly beautiful and important for river enthusiasts. They are exciting enough to get your heart pumping, and they are benign enough to navigate with some skill at the oars. The campgrounds along the put-ins have allowed my friends and me to have a family reunion of sorts annually there, and will always hold a special place in our hearts.

I am vehemently opposed to reintroducing rail traffic again to the corridor. Rail traffic will interrupt the tranquility of the area as well as disrupt the migration of important species of wildlife. I believe the reintroduction of trains into the Browns Canyon National Monument will eventually create conflicts with the hundreds of whitewater enthusiasts that flock to the area as well as the wildlife. I would like to see that there will be no change in service over the Tennessee Pass line which has been dormant for 24 years. Please do not allow this exemption from regulations.

Also, the Colorado Midland and Pacific Railway claims its revenues from operating the rail line would not exceed \$5 million per year, a limit beyond which the railway would be subject to additional regulation. Since operating costs alone would exceed \$5 million per year, I believe CMP's projected revenues are intentionally underestimated to avoid appropriate scrutiny and regulation.

Thank you for your time and consideration to this matter.

Regards,  
Katherine Sainz  
CC: Parties of Record