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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC 20423

NOTICE TO THE PARTIES

Docket No. AB 1305X

North Coast Railroad Authority – Abandonment Exemption –
in Mendocino, Trinity, and Humboldt Counties, Cal.

Draft Environmental Assessment Comment Period Stayed

In this proceeding, North Coast Railroad Authority filed a notice of exemption with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 seeking exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10903 in connection with the abandonment of approximately 175.84 miles of rail line in Mendocino, Trinity, and Humboldt Counties, California. On June 8, 2021, the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) issued a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) and requested public comments on the Draft EA by June 23, 2021. On June 9, 2021, the Board issued a decision holding the proceeding in abeyance pending further Board order.

Consistent with the Board's June 9, 2021 decision, the Draft EA comment period is stayed until further Board order. Comments that have already been submitted on the Draft EA as of the date of this Notice to the Parties will not need to be resubmitted.

By the Board, Danielle Gosselin, Acting Director, Office of Environmental Analysis.