

Dear Surface Transportation Board Members,

Please set a timeline and proceed with the North Coast Railroad Authority's application to railbank the Northwestern Pacific Rail line.

It is not necessary to pause the larger railbanking process to confirm the legal status of two terminal segments of the farthest reaches of the rail line.

There is enormous public support for railbanking and the proposed Great Redwood Trail. But neither the North Coast public nor the Eel River Canyon's geology will support the unprecedented levels of freight rail traffic that would be required to finance reconstruction and maintenance of a railroad from Willits to Humboldt Bay.

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