

Federal Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Genesee Valley Transportation filing for abandonment

Lowville Beaver River Rail Line (Docket # AB-180)

Mohawk Adirondack & Northern Railroad (Docket # AB-768)

From : Bruce Krug, Lewis County Taxpayer

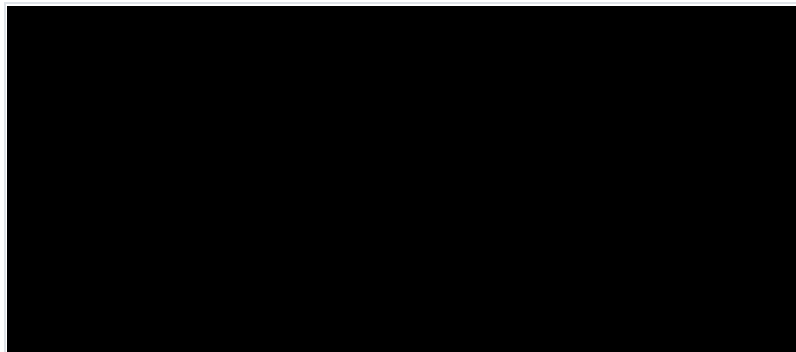
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Comments on the above,

Regarding Docket # AB-180, I challenge the assertion that the Lowville and Beaver River Railroad (LBRR) is not adjacent to "prime agricultural land". Upon information and belief, the LBRR is adjacent to many acres of prime agricultural land. See link; [Map 5 Prime Farmland and Hydric Soils - Lewis County | SLIDEBLAST.COM](#)

Also, regarding Docket # AB-180, I raise issue as to whether the LBRR is in the Interstate Common Carrier Rail Network and whether it is eligible for trail conversion under the Trails Act, and thus posit that it may not come under the jurisdiction of the Surface Transportation Board (STB).

Regarding Docket # AB-768, it appears that there is no Interstate Common Carrier Rail Network connection south of Lowville, NY. The rail lines from Utica north, end north of Lyons Falls, N.Y. Thus, there is no interstate connection to the railroad from Lowville north. Again, I raise issue with the STB having jurisdiction over this abandonment issue. See ([RLTD Railway Corp. v. Surface Transportation Board \(elr.info\)](#)).



**RLTD Railway Corp. v. Surface Transportation
Board**

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