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Surface Transportation Board
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RE: Docket AB 180 and AB 768 **Intervention/Stay**

Dear Surface Transportation Board,

During STB proceedings it is illegal to remove any rail, tracks, dirt or alter the railroad bed or right of way. There is now a dirt road over the Lowville Beaver River Railroad in two locations. One where the big pile of dirt had been piled (Reference Barry Lyndaker Letter of bad soil) and the other is where the County took up 300 ft of track by the Highway Department building on the East road. This included the crossing, track and ties. There now is a stone driveway on the Lowville Beaver River Railroad and curving to the right toward the Mohawk Northern and Adirondack line. The Mohawk Adirondack and Northern line has been bulldozed to the right of this line and tight by the rail line itself. The Lowville Beaver River Railroad Historic District has been deemed eligible to be on the National and State Historical Register of Historic Places in 2002(see our previous submittal of the approval letter). Also, Ridge road at the Lowville Beaver River Railroad crossing has issues. This is where the rail was required to be put back in but was left high. Highway Dept left the rail high and didn't connect it back to existing rail level and black top is now over it. It has also come to our attention that the Village of Lowville has put in for a downtown revitalization grant. They want to install a round house and a turntable. There already is a turntable and engine houses on private property owned by Railstar in the area they targeted in their proposal. They want to also use railroad ties.

It is our understanding that anything that has a Historic eligibility designation any future work has to be mitigated. This mitigation is required. We are **requesting an intervention and stay** on the abandonment of both the Lowville and Beaver River Railroad and the Mohawk and Adirondack rail lines. We **are opposed** to any track, crossing, switch, bridges and signage removal. We need both lines to reach our engine house in Lowville where our equipment is as we have been using the line for rides. The Lowville Beaver River Railroad uses the Man line to reach our engine house. This section at East Road is most pivotal. See attached photos. CC all.

Ron Trottier

cc all parties of record



Top two East Road Crossing and Lowville Beaver River RR bed. Third RT 812 Lowville Beaver River Railroad just at tree line. Fourth Mohawk Adirondack and Northern Crossing on East Road. Last two are Ridge Road Crossing on the Lowville Beaver River Railroad.

