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Cynthia T. Brown,
Chief, Section on Administration
U.S. Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Ex Parte 777, Joint Petition by DOJ and DOI concerning interim trail use regulations; request for an extension of time for comment to January 31, 2025

Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter is on behalf of the Lassen Land and Trail Trust (LLTT). The Departments of Justice and Interior (DOJ/DOI) have filed a petition (docketed as Ex Parte 777) to make changes to the rules relating to railbanking currently found in 49 C.F.R. 1152. LLTT is in the process of creating a trail system in northern California and expects to rely on the referenced railbanking regulations for that purpose. LLTT accordingly has an interest in Ex Parte 777. The nominal due date for comments on the DOJ/DOI proposal is January 10. However, the Board on or about January 8 granted a motion by the Association of American Railroads (AAR) to extend the comment deadline through January 31. Rails to Trails Conservancy (RTC) has filed a paper indicating that it has been advised that the extension is only intended to apply to AAR. RTC in a pleading filed today has sought a similar extension for itself to comment on the proposal. LLTT supports RTC's request, and for similar reasons seeks an extension parallel to that sought by RTC and obtained by AAR, namely through January 31. In all events, LLTT wishes to be included as a party in this proceeding should it move forward.

Respectfully submitted,


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For Lassen Land and Trail Trust

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I certify service on January 10, 2025, of the foregoing letter upon all six parties of record in Ex Parte 777 listed in the service list as of January 10, 2025 by email attachment to the email addresses stated in the service list.

S/ Charles Montange