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Cynthia T. Brown,
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-12 (Sub-No. 184X), Southern Pacific Transportation Company--
Abandonment Exemption--Wendel-Alturas Line in Modoc and Lassen Counties, CA

Dear Ms. Brown:

This refers to the Letter-Motion (Petition to Substitute Trail User) filed by Lassen Land and Trail Trust (LLTT) on December 20, 2024, in the above-referenced proceeding. LLTT seeks to become the substitute trail sponsor of the Wendel to Alturas line, more specifically described below. The original trail sponsor, the Bureau of Land Management of the U.S. Department of the Interior, has joined LLTT's motion. Docket No. AB 12 (Sub-No. 184X) is a merger-related abandonment. Union Pacific acquired Southern Pacific's interests in the property pursuant to this Board's merger authorization in STB Docket No. FD 32760.

Union Pacific originally cooperated with the Bureau of Land Management to foster the preservation of this line through railbanking and now wishes to express its support for, and consent to, the motion filed by Lassen Land and Trail Trust to become the substitute trail user pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1152.29(f) for the entire Wendel to Alturas line of the Southern Pacific, defined as MP 360.1 near Wendel to MP 445.6 near Alturas in Modoc and Lassen Counties CA, a distance of 85.5 miles.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Christine A. Neuharth

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cc: All parties of record