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Message:

Please accept my comments on the subject of AB 749-1, limiting the number of extensions to trail groups for NITU. I can support one (1) year extensions, with a maximum number of three (3) extensions (three years) for trail groups to finalize agreements. However, the exception proposed by the STB as "good cause" is NOT acceptable. It is far too general, too subjective, and without definition. "Good Cause" can include reasons such as "the dog ate my trail agreement and we did not make the deadline", or anything similar, related or unrelated to the administrative process. A more acceptable and reasonable excuse to provide NITU extensions would ONLY be by "extraordinary circumstances" and would include "circumstances beyond a party's control that normal prudence and experience could not foresee, anticipate or provide for", relating and limited to the normal administrative procedures for granting NITU extensions. Otherwise, it is very likely there will be endless "good cause" excuses making the proposed rule change worthless.