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Re: **Docket No. AB-1243X, *Patriot Woods Railroad, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Cowlitz County, WA***

Dear Ms. Brown:

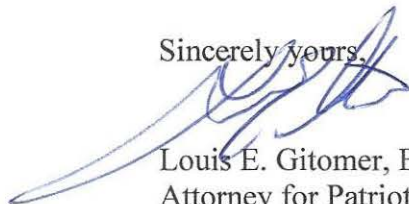
On September 19, 2018, Cowlitz County, WA filed a request for an extension of 180 days from September 25, 2019 to negotiate interim trail use/railbanking with the Patriot Woods Railroad, LLC ("PWRR") for interim trail use/rail banking over an approximately 21.50-mile rail line between Ostrander Junction, milepost 8.5 and milepost 30, the end of the line, all in Cowlitz County, WA (the "Line").

By letter filed on August 24, 2018, PWRR requested that the Board vacate the Decision and Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment served in this proceeding on September 29, 2017, as extended by decision served April 11, 2018, in order to allow PWRR to proceed to abandon the Line. PWRR does not agree to an extension of 180 days to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking with Cowlitz County for the Line.

PWRR will comply with the conditions imposed Patriot Woods Railroad, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Cowlitz County, Wash., Docket No. AB-1243X (served September 29, 2017), including but not limited to completing the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 54 U.S.C. § 306108, prior to consummating the abandonment.

This letter is being efiled. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours,



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