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With regards to line abandonment and interim trail use, I do NOT support relaxing the threshold from "EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES" to merely "good cause".

Rail infrastructure is a vital, essentially irreplaceable resource that should be preserved. Promoting its use for freight and passengers is essential to help reduce energy use.

Further, it is a truism that many of the most enthusiastic "trail conversion" advocates are concerned about places which do have growing populations, and thus well-served by rail.

In general, trail WITH rail should be preferred. Rail infrastructure should be given up only under, truly, extraordinary circumstances.

Best Regards, David Van Brink