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Good evening,

On Nov. 1, 2018 the West Central Mountains Economic Development Council (WCMEDC--a nonprofit comprised of community, government and business leaders in Idaho) voted to oppose the proposed rule changes to limit the ability of trail proponents to preserve rail corridors for interim trail use; being considered by the STB. On many occasions, rail negotiations take a long time to take shape and yield reasonable results. Our region lives and dies by recreation tourism and this rule change would potentially handcuff many diligent efforts to enhance our communities.

On behalf of the WCMEDC Board of Directors,

Andrew Mentzer
Executive Director