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RE: EP-749-1 PROPOSED RULEMAKING TO LIMIT NITUs TO A MAXIMUM OF SIX (6) 180 DAY EXTENSIONS

Dear Ms. Brown,

Please accept my comments IN FAVOR of Limiting Notice of Interim Trail Use to a maximum of SIX (6) 180-day extensions.

Granting unlimited time for trail groups to organize rail trail projects is like providing an open checkbook to the US Treasury. Trail projects cost us, the taxpayers, millions of dollars every year, and divert needed highway funds away from their intended use. In addition, the original intent of railbanking is being misused by trail and cycling advocates by targeting active railroad lines in many places in our country and preventing property owners from reclaiming their property when a railroad legitimately abandons a railroad line that has served out its purpose.

Respectfully,

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