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Chief, Section of Administration Surface Transportation Board Office of
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395 E Street, SW

Washington, DC 20423

RE: AB 1073X Alabama and Florida Railway Co.

Dear Ms. Brown:

Here the Alabama Trails Commission is asking for another NITU extension which they have been doing since 2011. They are using the same canned excuses they have been doing for the past 6 years. NARPO strongly opposes any further extensions of the NITU in AB 1073X.

Below is part of the decision for the STB in AB 1073X in 2011. Please note that this was an abandonment of the entire line of the rail line of Alabama and Florida Railway. So how can there ever be restored rail service if the railroad does not connect to any other railroad and is not a railroad anymore? If they cannot restore rail service how can the STB assign a NITU for the rail line? NARPO would think the STB should take another look at this and vacate the NITU.

This appears to be yet another game the railroads and trails groups are using to game 16 USC 1247(d) to the detriment of many property owners who own the underlying land under this right of way.

Surface Transportation Board [Docket No. AB 1073X] Alabama & Florida Railway Co., Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Geneva, Coffee and Covington Counties, Ala.

Alabama& Florida Railway Co., Inc. (A&F) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. pt. 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon its line of railroad between milepost 581.3 at Andalusia, Ala., and milepost 624.2 at Geneva, Ala., a distance of 42.9 miles, in Geneva, Coffee and Covington Counties, Ala. **The line constitutes A&F's entire rail system and traverses** United States Postal Service Zip Codes 36340, 36420, 36421, 36453, 36467, and 36477.

Sincerely yours, Dick Welsh, Executive Director, NARPO

NARPO verifies that Frank May at: fmay@pioneer-railcorp.com (for Alabama and Florida Railway), Real Estate Manager Pioneer Rail Corp, Lou Gitimor at: lou@lgraillaw.com , and Brian Rushing at: brian.rushing@Ua.edu , have received an email copy of this letter.

Signed Richard Welsh for NARPO dated October 31, 2018

NARPO mailed via USPS a copy of NARPO's 10/31/2018 letter concerning AB 1073-0X on November 1, 2018 to Amy Rauworth of Alabama Trails Commission and Daniel Lakemper of Alabama Florida Railway Corp., to the addresses listed in the STB parties of record site.