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The STB is to be commended for allowing shippers this opportunity to comment.

Respectfully submitted;

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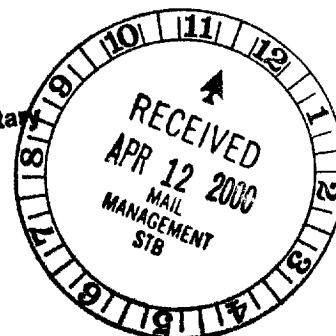
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