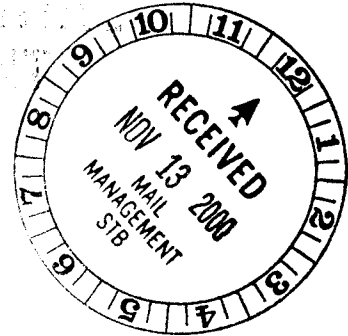


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Attn: Elaine K. Kaiser, Chief
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Re: STB Docket #33407, Mankato, MN

Dear Ms. Kaiser:

I am writing to request a clarification of a portion of the DEIS. Please refer to Vol. II (Minnesota), page 3.3-39, the last paragraph: "There are currently plans for the construction of a private campground and resort in the valley to the west of Mount Kato. The proposed route for Alternative M-2 would cross the property where the resort is to be built. Construction and operation of Alternative M-2 could cause the resort developers to select a new location or cancel the project due to the noise, disturbance, access, and safety issues that could be caused by a nearby rail line."

I spoke with Stephen Thornhill by telephone on October 30, 2000, and requested information as to the location, name of owner, and name of developer. Mr. Thornhill indicated that he has a letter in his files, including a plat, which he would provide to me upon direction from you. Will you please ask Mr. Thornhill to send this information to us at P. O. Box 106, Mankato, MN 56001, as soon as possible. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

MANKATO AREA COAL TRAIN COALITION

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