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VIA HAND DELIVERY - RETURN COPY

Hon. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW (7th fl.)
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Secretary Williams:

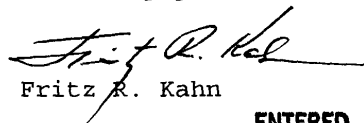
This refers to STB Docket No. AB-573X, Trinidad Railway, Inc., --Abandonment Exemption--In Las Animas County, and the Decision of the Board, served April 17, 2002.

Kern Valley Railroad Company contemplates ceasing being a common carrier railroad on the southern Colorado railroad line, effective August 28, 2002. It, however, does not expect to remove the rails and ties, for it hopes to be able to continue to serve the Lorencito Coal Company, LLC, as a contract carrier or by leasing the line to it for its operation as a proprietary line.

In any event, Kern Valley Railroad Company at this time is unwilling to negotiate a trails condition with the Rails to Trails Conservancy.

Ten copies of this letter are enclosed to permit your circulation of it. An additional copy of the letter is enclosed for you to stamp to acknowledge your receipt of it and to return to me via the messenger.

Sincerely yours,


Fritz R. Kahn

cc: Charles H. Montange, Esq.
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