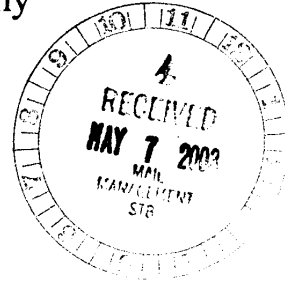




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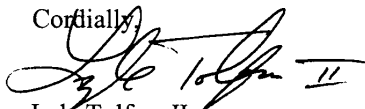
Subject: Proposed Lake State Railway Abandonment in Alpena & Presque Isle counties,
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Dear Secretary:

We would like to request a 180-day extension of the railbanking period provided by your decision on November 7, 2002, for this case. Lake State Railway and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources are continuing negotiations towards an agreement and expect to complete an agreement within 180 days on the majority of this property.

We would like to exclude from this extension the property located in Presque Isle County, Michigan, T34N - R6E - Section 5, T35N - R6E - Sections 19, 30, 31, & 32, and T35N - R5E - Sections 24, 23, & 22. For these lands only the NITU negotiating period is no longer needed.

Cordially,


Lyle Tolfree II
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