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Hon. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW (7th fl.)
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Dear Secretary Williams:

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This refers to STB Docket No. AB-573X, Trinidad Railway, Inc.-Abandonment Exemption-In Las Animas County, CO, and to the Statement of American Trail Association, Inc., filed August 8, 2003.

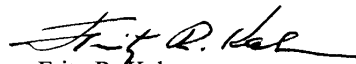
On behalf of Kern Valley Railroad Company, the purchaser of the properties, and successor in interest, of Trinidad Railway, Inc., I wish to advise that the railroad line between Milepost 2.0 at Jensen 81082 (west of Trinidad 81082) and Milepost 15.11 in Segundo (no zip code) has not been abandoned and that Kern Valley Railroad Company is prepared to negotiate with American Trails Association, Inc., for the conveyance of the right-of-way under the National Trails System Act.

Kern Valley Railroad Company, accordingly, asks that a Decision and Notice of Interim Trail Use, authorizing such negotiations, be issued.

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

If you have any question concerning the foregoing,, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,


Fritz R. Kahn

cc: Mr. Steven J. Van Wagenen