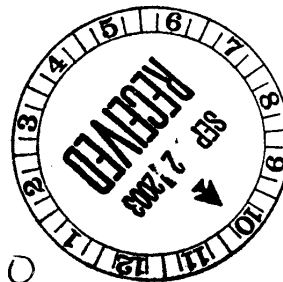


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Dear Secretary Williams:

This refers to STB Docket No. AB-573X, Trinidad Railway, Inc.-Abandonment Exemption-In Las Animas County, CO, and to the letter request of Kern Valley Railroad Company, filed August 11, 2003, that a Decision and Notice of Interim Trail Use be issued to permit negotiations with American Trails Association, Inc., which filed its Statement on August 8, 2003.

The letter request of Kern Valley Railroad Company failed to make explicit that the Decision and Notice of Interim Trail should allow for a 180-day negotiating period.

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 it and to return to me in the enclosed stamped and self-addressed envelope.

If you have any question concerning the foregoing which you believe I may be able to answer or if I otherwise can be of assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,


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cc: Frankie M. McNair, Esq.