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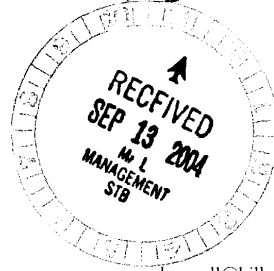
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-870X, Butler County, Kansas -- Abandonment
Exemption -- In Butler County, KS

Dear Secretary Williams:

This is in response to the request dated July 28, 2004, by Prairie Travelers, Inc. ("Prairie Travelers"), for issuance of a Notice of Interim Trail Use ("NITU"), under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d), for the 10.6-rail line authorized for abandonment in this proceeding.

Butler County hereby notifies the Board that the County has not consummated the abandonment of the lines and is willing to negotiate for trail use with Prairie Travelers.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me.

Sincerely,

Karl Morell

cc: Cecile B. Kellenbarger