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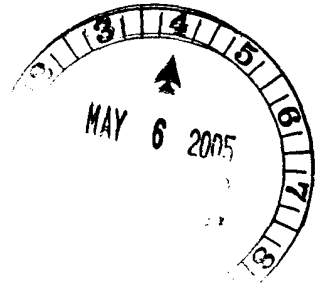
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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

RE: STB Docket No. AB-485X
Blue Mountain Railroad, Inc. Abandonment Exemption
In Whitman County, Washington and Latah County, Idaho

re: Petition to Vacate a Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment Pursuant to 49
C.F.R. 1152.29(d)(3)



Dear Board Members:

Please accept this letter to certify The University of Idaho's support of the above-referenced Petition currently pending before you to restore or reconstruct the portion of the northern railroad line between Perimeter Drive and Line Street in Moscow, Idaho (the "Line Segment" referred to in the Petition).

The University of Idaho is securing adjoining property to facilitate creek restoration and to provide enhancement of the pedestrian/bike path currently utilized by the citizens of Moscow (on property owned by the University of Idaho).

To ensure our preferred location for planned bike/pedestrian paths and stream enhancements to Paradise Creek, the University believes it is in the best interest of the University and the community to support the reactivation of the northern line rail service. These paths and stream enhancements are cooperative projects for the University and City of Moscow and advance the land use goals of both entities.

On behalf of the University of Idaho, I ask that the Petition be granted and that approval be expedited.

Sincerely,

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Vice President
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