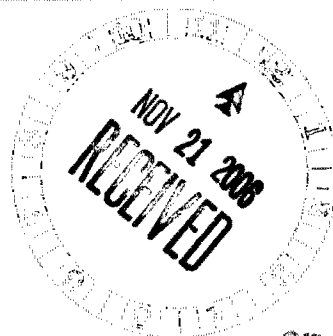




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**RE: STB Docket No. AB 857X, Great Western Railway of Colorado, L.L.C. –
Abandonment Exemption – In Weld County, CO
Reply to Objection of Steve and Colleen Nealy Filed by Douglas S. Widlund**

Dear Secretary Williams:

This letter is in response to a letter from Doug Widlund of Butcher & Widlund, LLC dated October 26, 2006, in which Mr. Widlund indicates that he represents Steve and Colleen Nealy who are owners of property adjacent to the Great Western Railway of Colorado, L.L.C. right-of-way.

Pursuant to the authority granted by the Surface Transportation Board's decision served October 24, 2006 in this proceeding extending the Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU) through April 22, 2007, the Great Western Trail Authority has concluded its negotiations with Great Western Railway of Colorado, L.L.C. A Donation Agreement dated November 13, 2006, was signed between the two parties which included a Donative Quit Claim Deed and Bill of Sale. The agreement is in place and complies with the National Trail System Act. No further extension will be needed.

As to the other points raised by Mr. Widlund in his October 26, 2006 letter:

1. The undersigned had no prior actual notice of the Nealys' Entry of Appearance and Objection. Technically the Great Western Trail Authority is a new party to the action and the undersigned is unaware of any notice prior to the October 26, 2006 letter served by the Nealys or their counsel on the Authority.

2. The thrust of Mr. Widlund's objections in his October 26, 2006 letter appear to be that further delays will not cause an agreement to be reached. In fact, an agreement has been concluded.

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As was indicated in the Surface Transportation Board's March 28, 2006 decision in the instant proceeding:

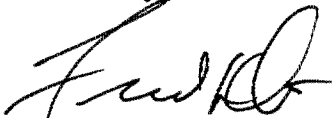
"The purpose of the Trails Act is to preserve rail corridors for possible reactivation of rail service by permitting and encouraging their interim trail use as recreational trails."

and

"Thus, the Agency's primary concern here is with preserving the rail line for future rail service, a purpose served by extending the NITU. Although the parties have not been able to conclude a trail use agreement, the instant extension request is an indication that they are still attempting to do so."

The STB is requested to ratify and affirm its October 23, 2006 decision granting a replacement NITU to the Trail Authority.

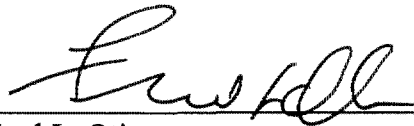
Sincerely,



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cc: Doug Widlund

I hereby certify on the 16 day of November 2006, the parties of record in this proceeding were served with this document via United States Mail.



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