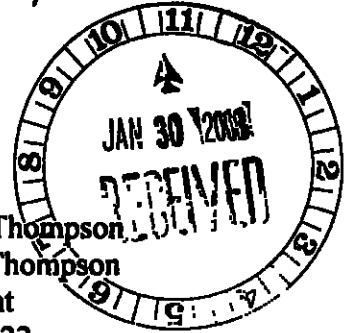


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Re: STB Docket No AB-1014, Denver & Rio Grand Railway
Historical Foundation—Adverse Abandonment—In Mineral
County, CO

Dear Secretary Williams:

Please consider this letter our comments in support of the application for adverse abandonment filed by the City of Creede.

We are ten year Creede residents, business and property owners. The property of concern with regard to adverse abandonment is 111 North Main Street, where we operate an art gallery. During the five years we have owned this property we have been unable to fully use it due the overlayment of a railroad right-of-way and threats of the return of a railroad that has not operated for thirty-eight years. After thirty-eight years of no railroad freight service, other successful methods for receiving freight have been found. We see no need to resume railroad freight hauling that was deemed unprofitable and unneeded thirty-eight years ago.

Further, the proposed route of the train would be through a narrow alley behind our gallery causing excessive noise, danger to pedestrians and a fire hazard.

Finally, Creede is a very small town and much has changed in the last thirty-eight years. Building has inevitably encroached over the right-of-way. We feel that the best use of this right-of-way should be determined by the city of Creede and its citizens

Sincerely,


John W. Thompson


Janet R. Thompson

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I hereby certify that I have caused a true and correct copy of my comments in STB Docket No. AB-1014 to be served upon the following persons by first class mail this 12 Day of January, 2008

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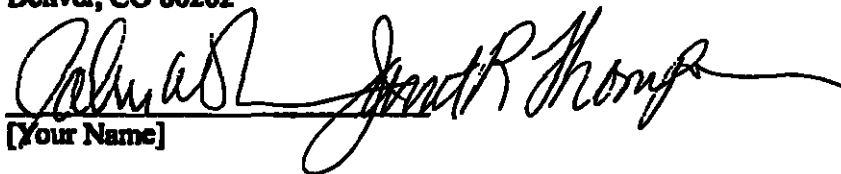
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