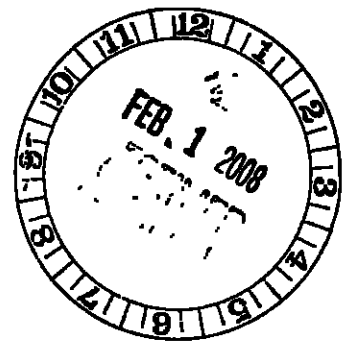


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Re: STB Docket No. AB-1014, Denver & Rio Grande Railway Historical Foundation –
Adverse Abandonment – Mineral County, CO

Dear Secretary Williams;

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

I have been a resident of Mineral County for 8 years and closely tied to the city of Creede as it is the county seat and the only town in our remote and beautiful county. My wife and I are starting a business in Creede and are both enthusiastic about the future of this little theater and arts town that has risen from the ashes and proud history of what once was a wild mining boom town. We will open a store called Creede Beadery where tourists and locals can employ their artistic flair and create their own jewelry. Our address will be 128 Main Street.

I am writing in strong support of the City's application for adverse abandonment. While proud of our mining history, this city has long since moved in a new direction and spent countless hours and dollars cleaning up the mess left behind by the mines. This new direction and the efforts toward reclamation of the mines sites ensures that there is not presently and will not ever be in the future a need, market, or utility for railroad freight service into our town.

In order to maintain and improve Creede, the City must be able to put to beneficial use the publicly owned land under the railway. The tracks run directly through residential and commercially zoned property, both of which are being considerably threatened and stifled with the continued right-of-way issues brought forth by the Foundation.

Please consider granting abandonment status to this one mile of track. Doing so would relieve this community from the hindrances and headaches of right-of-way issues and lay to rest the impossible dream of restoring railway freight service to our town. Thank-you for your attention to this important matter.

I've enclosed ten copies of this letter and caused copies to be mailed to the parties to this proceeding. A certificate of service is attached to my comments

Sincerely,

Damon Clay Gibbons

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 21 Day of January, 2008

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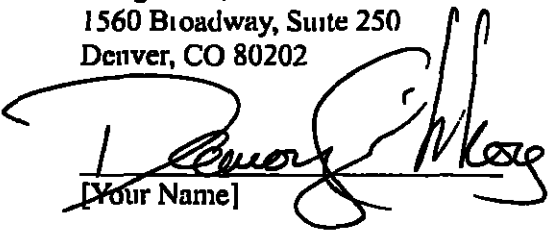
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