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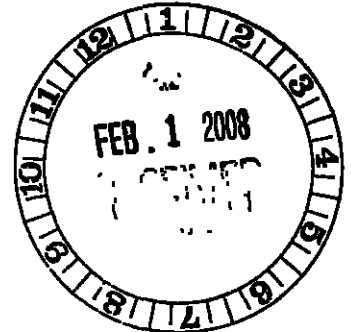
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RE. STB Docket No AB-1014, Denver & Rio Grande Railway Historical Foundation
---Adverse Abandonment---In Mineral County, CO

Dear Secretary Williams.

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

We have lived in Creede for 40 years and have operated San Juan Sports, an outdoor specialty store, for 34 years

Our address is 102 S Main St P O Box 700, Creede, CO 81130

We are writing in support of the City's application. There have been no railroad operations in town since 1971. The silver mining companies operating at the time shipped ore by rail outside of town. When the mines closed in 1982 shipping ceased and currently there are no other legitimate shippers in the Creede area. Even if a legitimate shipper came to the area, loading a train in town would present congestion problems, safety issues, and increased pollution. Railroad land runs through the middle of our small town. Examples of a few areas that would be affected by a train are a public children's playground, an event park used for mining competitions, and parking. The railroad land encompasses approximately 26% of Creede proper and we feel the publicly owned land under the railroad should be put to uses that benefit the town and its citizens.

We'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 our comments.

Sincerely

George and Charlene Amcel

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 23rd day of January, 2008

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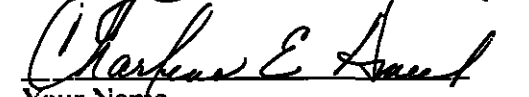
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