

January 28, 2008

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Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington DC 20423-0001

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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:

We are in favor of the City of Creede's Application for Adverse Abandonment. We are permanent residents of Creede for nearly five years, have owned property in Creede for twelve years and first came to Creede in 1992.

During this time, we have seen no need for freight rail service. Our grocery store, hardware store and various businesses are all supplied by trucks. We have not observed nor have we heard of any future need of freight rail service.

We have also noted during our five years of permanent residency, no effort being made by the railroad foundation to make any improvements on its tracks. I have personally walked some of the track between Creede and South Fork. The track is in a severe state of deterioration; much of it is overgrown and rusted, ties have deteriorated and the bed is nonexistent in many places. We also know that when the foundation first came into Creede in 2000, it blocked off much of the public right-of-way, attempted to collect rents from business and property owners, made threats of litigation and generally became a negative force in our community. Most recently on the right of way, the Foundation tore up city streets, city parking areas and the children's park for no obvious purpose other than out of spite and to retaliate against the city for it's filing.

We are a very small city of approximately 400 people and cannot afford, nor do we want, such a negative force, as is the railroad foundation in our community. Although the City owns the underlying land, the railroad right of way ties up and encumbers much of what our city needs for future development. We are a small city, not only in population, but in physical size, situated in a valley in-between two mountain areas. This land in question can be put to much better use than having it sit idle as it has for many years.

We urge you to take prompt action and approve the City's Application for Adverse Abandonment.

Sincerely,

F. Stannard Lentz, Julie M. Lentz

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I hereby certify that I have caused a true and correct copy of my comments in STB,
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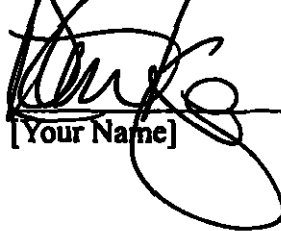
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