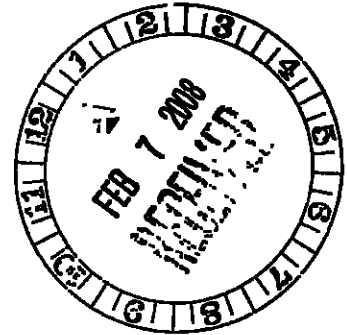


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Re: STB Docket No. AB-1014, Denver & Rio Grande Railway Historical  
Foundation—Adverse Abandonment—In Mineral County, CO

Dear Secretary Williams:

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

We are residents of Creede and have lived here since 2003. Our son owns the Creede Magazine and we work for him. Our address is 101 Moonlight Drive in Creede and our PO Box is 697.

We are writing in support of the city's application. There have been no railroad operations in town since 1971 and we believe the land owned under the railroad should be put to better use. That land could be used to benefit the town and its citizens. The land runs through the middle of our town and its use would affect the welfare of our town. Our town is small and if the train came up into town, it would destroy buildings on Main Street. We do not have that many buildings on Main Street and the train would destroy the bulk of our town.

We have 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,

*Thomas R. Basler*  
*Genevieve L. Basler*

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## 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 29<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2008

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