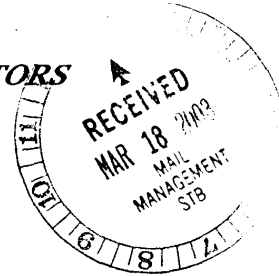


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Monday, March 10, 2003

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AddresseePlease see the attached list.

You recently received a letter, dated February 21, 2003 from Mark F. Wandro, Director of the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Subject of the letter was --- RE: Union Pacific Abandonment, Boone and Dallas Counties in Iowa
Docket # AB-33 (Sub-187X)

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The text of the letter requests that the Surface Transportation Board give consideration that would permit the "agencies" of government - State, County, and Cities in the area to remove the railroad rails and ties at the at-grade crossings.

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Please be advised that our organization is working with officials and volunteers in central Iowa to acquire the eleven miles of railroad corridor for the development of a multi-use trail.

→ Current planning is for retention of the rails, ties and ballast..... in place. ←

We are underway with planning and solicitation of funds to negotiate a purchase of the corridor from the Union Pacific Railroad.

In our opinion, a removal of the rails and ties at this early date is a mistake. Although there is offer to reinstall - if.... when.. - they are removed, it seems counter productive and an expensive endeavor. Where will the money come from to remove and reinstall? Would it not be better to continue service and reasonable repair, as needed?

Thank you for your consideration of our position and suggestions.

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