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Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, CD 20423-0001



RE STB Docket No AB-1014, Denver & Rio Grande
Railway Historical Foundation - Adverst Abandonment -
In 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 lived and worked in Creede since 1972 and reside at 425 South Main, P O Box 38, Creede, CO 81130.

I am writing in support of the City's application for the following reasons.

- 1 Creede was born as a silver mining boom town in 1892 and the railroad, at that time, was an integral part of the local economy That is simply not true today
2. The rail line, if opened, would not boost a year-round economy, which is what Creede needs.
- 3 The depot in Creede was signed over to the Creede Historical Society many years ago, which means the train really has no place for passengers to logically load and unload.
- 4 Creede was built in a very small box canyon and the rail line runs down the middle of Creede. If that rail bed became operational, it would create a disastrous scenario of bottlenecks and congestion for homeowners, businesses, residents and visitors
5. The only cargo a train could bring to Creede today is tourists and, frankly, we already have more visitors during the summer than the Town can comfortably accommodate.
6. Typically, visitors to Creede stay in Mineral County for a minimum of 3 days, most stay longer Creede's infrastructure is not designed to accommodate a quick turnaround clientele, which is the only tourist base the train can offer.
- 7 Property issues between businesses, homeowners and the railroad will create a series of devastating legal and financial problems for areas businesses and residents.

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 with my comments

Sincerely,

Lynna Jackson
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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 30 Day of January, 2008

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