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It is extremely time consuming to rail bank a project. There is often a delay before an agency even becomes aware of an abandonment petition. Once that has been filed and the potential agency is aware of the action - the real work begins. Contact with the rail applicant to begin negotiations to bank it or not, appraisals, requests for it to be banked -all take months, if not years.

Then there is the process to raise the millions to purchase it. That can take years as well.

What is the wisdom of restricting the time allowed except to prevent trail use?

In most cases, the rail ROW is not all fee title and is a mix of easements and fee title ownership. That means unless it is banked the ROW is not continuous and the trail is broken and not useful for a trail.

This is definitely a poison pill for trails!