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Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Patriot Woods Railroad, LLC, Abandonment in Cowlitz County, Washington [AB-1243X] and Columbia & Cowlitz Railway, LLC Discontinuance Exemption in Cowlitz County, Washington [AB-1244 (sub No. 1X)], and Columbia & Cowlitz Railway, LLC Abandonment Exemption in Cowlitz County Washington [AB-1244X]

Dear Secretary:

Cowlitz County requests an extension of 180 days to the deadline for negotiations with Patriot Woods Railroad and Columbia & Cowlitz Railroad, regarding the Notice of Interim Trail Use in the above captioned proceedings with respect to the approximately 28.5 mile portion of the Patriot Woods and Columbia & Cowlitz Railways. This request is made pursuant to the September 29, 2017 decision and notices, attached, by the Surface Transportation Board (STB) which allowed negotiations to establish a trail use for a period which will expire on March 29, 2018.

Cowlitz County is in the process of completing an assessment of the rail lines and wishes to continue negotiations with Patriot Woods and Cowlitz & Columbia Railways in the proceedings for another 180 day period. The County respectfully requests an extension to September 25, 2018. In addition, the County respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002.2(e)(1).

Sincerely,

**Board of County Commissioners
of Cowlitz County, Washington**


Joe Gardner, Chairman

I certify that I have this day served copies of documents upon all parties of recording in this proceeding by US Mail.

Tiffany Ostreim March 19, 2018.

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