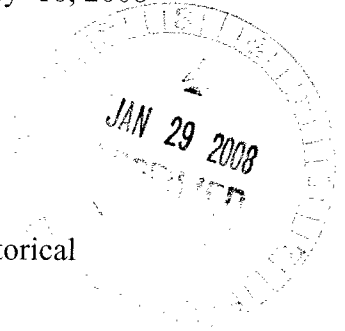


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January 18, 2008



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

Dear Secretary Williams:

My name is Rose Odom and I am a property and business owner in Creede, Colorado. I moved into this community in 1984. My husband & I ran the Creede Country Club, a retail store until 2004 and I currently run a bed & breakfast. My address is 206 Cliff Street, PO Box 640, Creede, CO 81130.

I am writing to support the City's application for adverse abandonment. As a property and business owner in Creede, I believe the City needs to have the ability to make better use of the property the railroad right-of-way sits on. I understand there hasn't been a train in Creede since 1971 and I think it's simply because of supply and demand. Times have changed drastically for old mining towns and as they struggle to grow and plan for the future, they need to be able to utilize all of their assets. I understand the City owns the land under the right-of-way, but they can't use it. That's hard for me to understand when the supply and demand for a freight train in Creede has been so plain to see since 1971. The right-of-way runs directly through the middle of town and parks and a kid's playground have been built over it. Finding a place to park in Creede has been a problem since I first came and its only getting worse as Creede grows.

If you approve this application, the City planners will be able to use their land for the benefit of the community. It will also allow the residents to feel more comfortable about getting involved with their future because the jurisdiction will be local.

I've enclosed the original and 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,

Rose Odom

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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 18th day of January, 2008

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