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The Honorable Vernon Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W., Suite 700
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-307 (Sub-No. 3X), Wyoming and Colorado
Railroad Company, Inc. -- Abandonment Exemption -- In Albany
County, WY

Dear Secretary Williams:

By decision served September 16, 1996, in the above-referenced proceeding, the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") authorized Wyoming and Colorado Railroad Company, Inc. ("WYCO") to abandon its 66.16-mile rail line located between Laramie, Wyoming and the Colorado-Wyoming State line, subject to several conditions.

In its decision served May 16, 2003, the Board reopened the proceeding the removed the previously imposed historic preservation condition. In so doing, the Board noted that the only conditions still in effect were the requirements that WYCO give the National Geodetic Survey ("NGS") 90 days' notice of salvage activities and that WYCO consult with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service ("DOA") prior to salvaging the line.

WYCO hereby notifies the Board that WYCO has fully complied with the notice requirements to NGS. After being notified by WYCO of the upcoming salvage activities, NGS forwarded a document to WYCO specifically identifying the location of the 76 geodetic station markers. WYCO was able to salvage the line without disturbing any of the markers. Attached is a letter dated October 27, 2003, from DOA stating that WYCO has fully complied with all of DOA's requirements for salvaging the line. Accordingly, WYCO requests the Board to reopen this proceeding and remove the remaining two conditions so that WYCO can consummate the abandonment of line.

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact
me.

Sincerely,

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Karl Morell

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Date: October 27, 2003

Greg Kissel
General Manager
Wyoming Colorado Railroad Company, Inc
P.O. Box 1876
Ogden, UT 84402

Dear Mr. Kissel:

The US Forest Service has reviewed the railroad bed on National Forest System lands within Albany County, Wyoming, and has determined the Wyoming Colorado Railroad Company, Inc., has met all conditions for abandonment on the forest. These conditions relate to the September 9th, 1996 Decision and Notice of Interim Trail Use and Abandonment, and the Memorandum of Agreement, signed August 4th, 1999, which contained stipulations related to Section 106 compliance on the forest.

If you have any questions, please contact myself at 307-745-2337.

Sincerely,

CLINTON D. KYHL
District Ranger

cc: Debbie Lewis



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