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March 21, 2013

UPR-R-13-01

**E-FILE**

The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown  
Chief, Section of Administration  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E. Street, S.W., Room #100  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

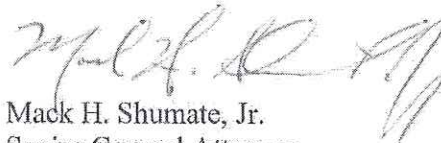
**RE: Proposed Abandonment of the New Meadows Industrial Lead from Milepost 0.22 to Milepost 0.50 at Weiser, a total distance of 0.28 miles in Washington County, Idaho; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 311X)**

Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to the Board's exemption procedures for discontinuance of service of rail lines with no local business for at least two (2) years, (49 C.F.R. § 1152.50), I am hereby e-filing the Verified Notice of Exemption, including a Certificate of Service and Publication.

Please file the Notice of Exemption in Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 311X). Enclosed is a credit authorization voucher in the amount of \$3,700.00 for the filing fee.

Sincerely,

  
Mack H. Shumate, Jr.  
Senior General Attorney

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**BEFORE THE  
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

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**Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 311X)  
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY  
--ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION--  
IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, ID  
(NEW MEADOWS INDUSTRIAL LEAD)**

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**Notice of Exemption**

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**Notice of Exemption**

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") submits this verified Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 § C.F.R. 1152, Subpart F -- Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights for an exempt abandonment of service on the New Meadows Industrial Lead from Milepost 0.22 to Milepost 0.50 at Weiser, for a total distance of 0.28 miles in Washington County, Idaho (the "Line").

**Proposed Consummation Date: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2)**

The abandonment and discontinuance are proposed to be consummated on or after May 10, 2013 (at least 50 days after filing the Notice of Exemption).

**Certification: 49 C.F.R. 1152.50(b)**

UP certifies that no local or overhead traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years. Therefore, there is no need to reroute any traffic. UP further certifies that no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or filed by a state or local governmental entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line is pending either with the Board or any U.S. District Court, or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the two-year period.

**Additional Information Required: 49 C.F.R. 1152.22(a)(1)-(4), (7)-(8) and (e)(4)**

(a) General.

(a)(1) The railroad's exact name is Union Pacific Railroad Company.

(a)(2) UP is a common carrier by railroad subject to 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV, Chapter 105.

(a)(3) UP intends to abandon the New Meadows Industrial Lead from Milepost 0.22 to Milepost 0.50 at Weiser, a total distance of 0.28 miles in Washington County, Idaho.

(a)(4) A map showing the location of the Line in relation to other rail lines, highways, and major roads in the area is attached as **Exhibit 1**.

(a)(7) The representative to whom correspondence regarding this abandonment and discontinuance should be sent is:

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(a)(8) ZIP Codes. The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 83672.

(e)(4) Rural and Community Impact.

The right-of-way of the Line proposed for abandonment is not suitable for public purposes, including roads or highways, other forms of mass transportation, conservation, energy production or transmission as this area is adequately served by existing roads and utility lines at the present time.

UP believes the property is suitable for conservation and use as a public hiking and bike trail. This would be an extension of the trail now in place east of the Line that

is covered by trail conditions granted in AB-33 (Sub-No. 100X) and AB-433 (Sub-No. 2X).

The Line proposed for abandonment contains reversionary property. Based on UP's records, the Line does not contain federally granted right-of-way. Any documentation in the UP's possession related to the Line will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

After the proposed abandonment, UP will continue to provide rail service from the remaining portion of the New Meadows Industrial Lead at Weiser and from its adjacent Huntington Subdivision main line. Weiser is well served by local roads that connect to U.S. 95, which in turn connects to Interstate 84 approximately 20 miles to the south.

No local traffic has moved over the Line during the past two years, and there is no overhead traffic or passenger service on the Line. UP has received no request for rail service on the Line in well over two years. No complaint regarding cessation of service has been filed, is pending, or has been ruled upon in favor of a complainant during the prior two years.

A map of the Line is attached hereto as **Exhibit No. 1**.

### **Labor Protection**

The interests of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions discussed in Oregon Short Line Railroad Co. – Abandonment – Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

### **Certifications**

Attached as **Exhibit No. 2** is a Certificate of Service and Publication, pursuant to the notice requirements of 49 C.F.R §§ 1152.50(d)(1), 1105.11 and 1105.12

### **Environmental and Historic Report**

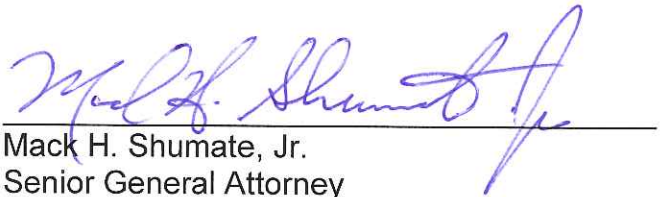
A copy of the cover letter which accompanied UP's Combined Environmental and Historic Report ("EHR"), containing the information required by 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7(e)

and 1105.8, and delivered in accordance with 49 C.F.R. 1105.11, is attached as **Exhibit No. 3**. The EHR was electronically filed with the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA), on January 23, 2013. The EHR indicated that there is one structure on the Line which is over fifty years old, a 75 foot open deck timber stringer bridge over Monroe Creek that was built in 1938. By letter dated October 10, 2012, the Idaho State Historical Society determined that no historic properties will be affected by the proposed Abandonment. A copy of the Idaho State Historical Society letter is attached hereto as **Exhibit No. 4**.

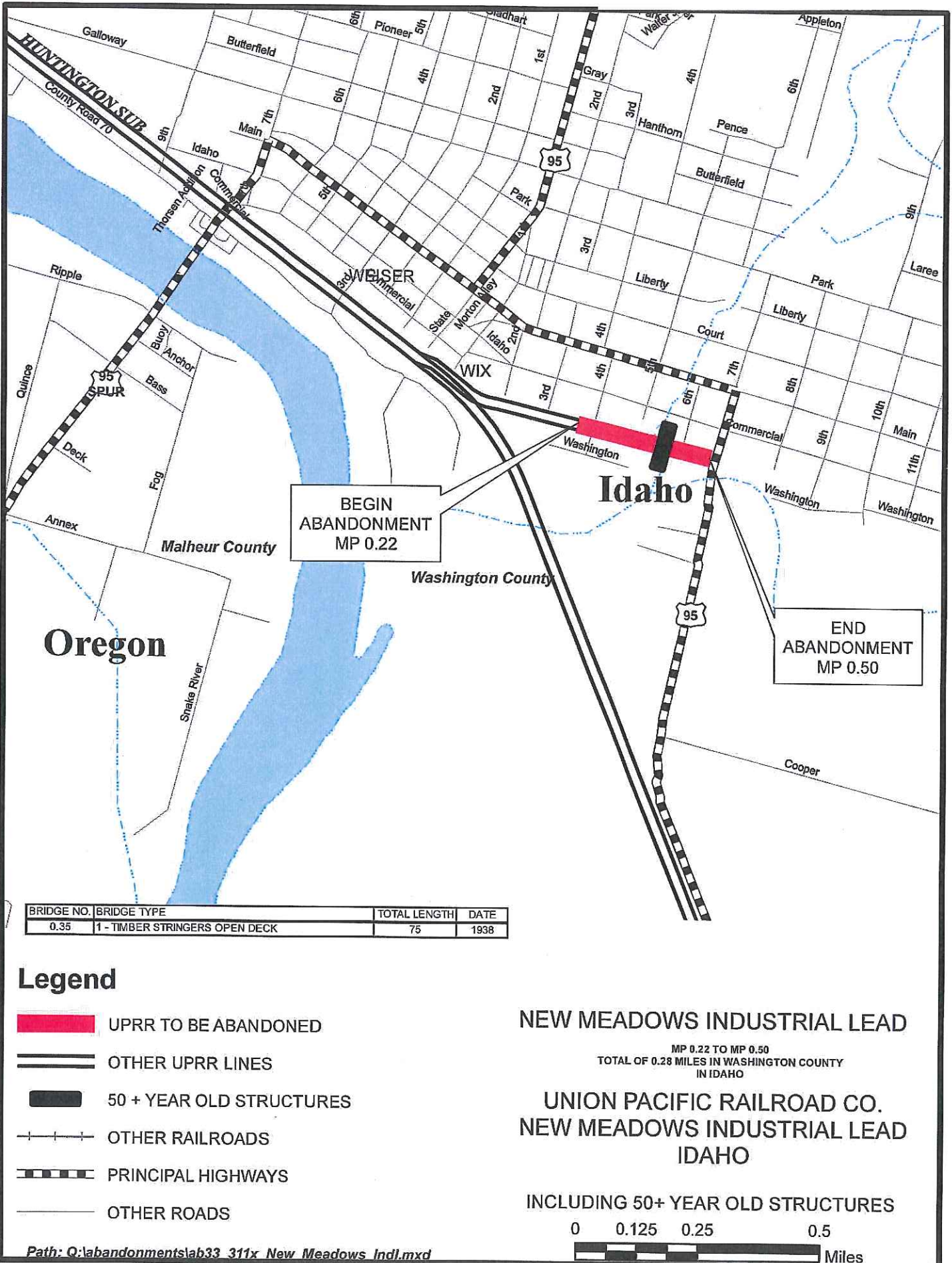
Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mack H. Shumate, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

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DOCKET NO. AB – 33 (SUB-NO. 311X)

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY  
--ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION--  
IN POCAHONTAS COUNTY, IOWA  
(ROYAL INDUSTRIAL LEAD)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AND PUBLICATION

49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1) – Notice

The undersigned certifies that on February 13, 2011 (at least 10 days before a Notice of Exemption is filed, written notice was given to Union Pacific's intent to use the Notice of Exemption procedure to abandon the New Meadows Industrial Lead in Washington County, Idaho in Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 311X). Written notice (a copy of which is attached hereto as **Attachment No. 1**) was served on the following:

Idaho Transportation Department  
311 W. State Street  
P.O. Box 7129  
Boise, ID 83707-1129

National Park Service  
Midwest Region  
601 Riverfront Drive  
Omaha, NE 68102-4226

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Chief of the  
Forest Service  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, N.W. Auditors Bldg  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
14<sup>th</sup> St. & Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, DC 20250

Headquarters  
Military Surface Deployment &  
Distribution Command  
Transportation Engineering Agency  
Attn: ADTE-SA  
Railroads for National Defense Program  
709 Ward Drive, Building 1990  
Scott AFB, IL 62225-5357

49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 – Transmittal Letter for Applicant's Report

The undersigned certifies that on January 23, 2013 (at least 20 days before a Notice of Exemption is filed), a Combined Environmental and Historic Report pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7 and 1105.8 was served in Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 311X) for



abandonment of the New Meadows Industrial Lead in Washington County, Idaho on the following:

- (1) State Clearinghouse (or alternate)
- (2) State Environmental Protection Agency
- (3) Head of each County
- (4) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Regional Office
- (5) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- (6) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- (7) National Park Service
- (8) U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service
- (9) The National Geodetic Survey
- (10) Other Agencies Consulted (As Listed)
- (11) State Historic Preservation Office

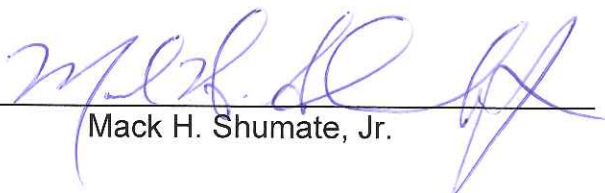
(This Certificate of Service attached to Combined Environmental Historic Reports lists the names and addresses of the federal, state and local agencies.)

**49 C.F.R. § 1105.12 – Newspaper Notice**

The undersigned further certifies that a “Notice of Intent to Abandon and Discontinue Service” was published in the form prescribed by the Board for a Notice of Exemption (Copy Attached as **Attachment No. 2**). The Notice was published one time in a major newspaper in the county in which the Line is located as follows:

| <u>County</u> | <u>Newspaper</u>       | <u>Date</u>    |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Washington    | Weiser Signal American | March 20, 2013 |

Dated this 21th day of March, 2013

  
Mack H. Shumate, Jr.

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ATTACHMENT NO. 1

February 13, 2013

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3311 W. State Street  
P.O. Box 7129  
Boise, ID 83707-1129

National Park Service  
Midwest Region  
601 Riverfront Drive  
Omaha, NE 68102-4226

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture  
Chief of the Forest Service  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, N.W. Auditors Bldg.  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
14<sup>th</sup> St. & Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, DC 20250

Headquarters  
Military Surface Deployment & Distribution  
Command  
Transportation Engineering Agency  
ATTN: ADTE - SA  
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709 Ward Drive, Building 1990  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Please be advised that Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") expects to file with the United States Surface Transportation Board ("STB"), on or after February 28 2013, a notice of an exempt abandonment of a portion of a line of railroad known as the New Meadows Industrial Lead, located in Washington county, Idaho extending from Milepost 0.22 to Milepost 0.50 in Weiser (The "Line"), a total distance of 0.28 miles. The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service zip code 83672.

The "no business" exemption procedure will be used to abandon the Line, pursuant to the STB's abandonment regulations at 49 C.F.R. §1152.50. No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years and there is no overhead traffic on the Line. A Notice of Exemption to abandon service on the Line pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 (no local traffic for at least two years) will be filed with the STB on or after February 28, 2013.

Based on information in UP's possession the Line does not include federally granted right-of-way. Any documentation in UP's possession related to the Line will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

A map showing the segment of Line to be abandoned is attached for your information.



February 13, 2013  
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mack Shumate, Jr." in a cursive script.

Mack Shumate, Jr.  
Senior General Attorney

Attachment

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## ATTACHMENT NO. 2

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABANDON AND DISCONTINUE SERVICE

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY ("UP") gives notice that on or after March 21, 2013, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, D.C. 20423, a Notice of Exemption under 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* permitting the abandonment of a 0.28 mile line of railroad, known as the New Meadows Industrial Lead, located in Washington County, Idaho, extending from Milepost 0.22 to Milepost 0.50 at Weiser. The Line traverses U. S. Postal Service Zip Code 83672. The proceeding has been docketed as No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 311X).

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis ("SEA") will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment ("EA"), which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the Notice of Exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to the Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling that office at (202) 245-0295.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20423 [See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a).], and one copy must be served on the applicant's representative. [See 49 CFR 1104.12(a).] Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Congressional and Public Services at (866) 254-1792. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on UP's: Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Senior General Attorney, 101 North Wacker Drive, #1920, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 777-2055.

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**Golden Horse Restaurant**  
will be closed  
during spring break  
**March 25-April 1**  
Will Be Open Tuesday, April 2  
1 E. Main • Downtown Weiser • 549-2500

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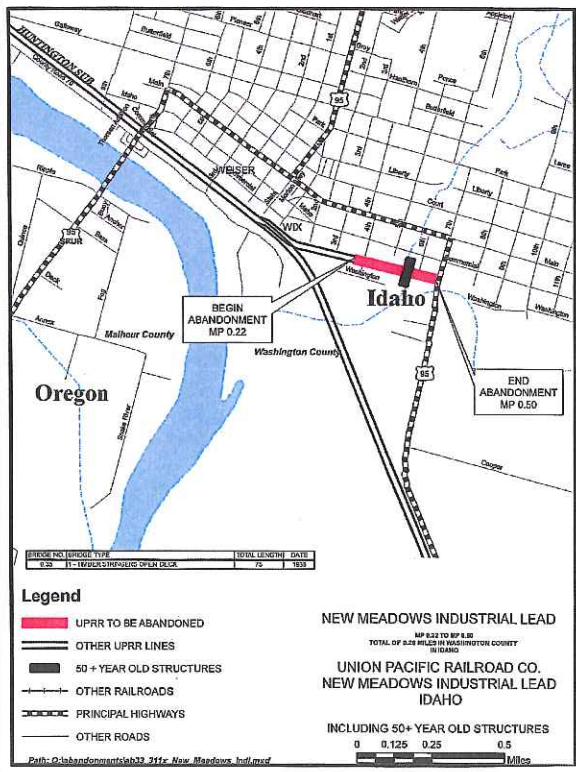
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# A right of passage

I was nervous as I approached the small white house. There was no yard surrounding the shack, just dust, broken bottles, a rusty barbecue, and a few newspapers scattered on the front steps. It was just the kind of place my parents had told me to avoid, but here they were dropping me off and urging me to go. I was a scared little boy about nine years old, and this was the site of hunters education classes for Vale, Oregon. We knocked on the door and from within a voice yelled, "C'mon in - the door's open!"



by Tom Sorenson



watched, but I still remember them. I remember important lessons I learned in that class - and still can remember where I was sitting when the teacher stressed them. For instance, I was one of two people on the couch

facing the front door when the teacher's Dachshund jumped up in my lap. It was a smelly dog and I cringed as it tried to lick my face. Holding my breath, I silently tried urging the dog off my lap by sending it signals with my eyes, and I was barely paying any attention at all to the class when the teacher's voice cut through my dog whisperer training, "Being unaware of a law is no excuse for not following the law." It's nothing earth shattering today, but I remember the profound effect that had on me then, and I resolved to pay closer attention, for I knew I didn't want to break the law - and she'd effectively yanked the rug out from under my most used excuse around the house.

I'm sure many of you remember details from your hunter's education classes that you could never remember from any other class. They were such an important step in the growing up process for many of us, and taken during such extremely impressionable years that we could never forget many of the lessons we learned. Hunter safety is the most important class an outdoorsman will take because it truly can mean the difference between life and death. For those of you young, old, or somewhere in between that are taking your hunter safety course this week, best of luck and I hope to see you on the mountain some cool and crisp Autumn morning.

Of course these many years later, I am humored by the cheesy videos we

## Get ready for spring

### Myrna's Gardening Tips

by Myrna Weikal  
mweikal@mtcom.net • 355-5829

We have just returned from a trip to the Arizona desert, dry camping for the most part. When I first got there the daytime weather was still in the cool sixties, but by the time I left 10 days later it was up into the low eighties. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, I am delighted to see that most of the snow melted while I was gone. The daffodils are up four inches, the tulips are poking, most of the herbs in my herb garden seem to be coming through the winter intact, and I heard the meadowlarks singing as we walked this morning. The desert warmth was nice and we saw a lot of interesting countryside, but Middle Valley is still my preferred residence. It's good to be home.

Taking a quick gander at the yards

and gardens, I can see I have plenty of outdoor chores to tackle as soon as time permits. The asparagus needs to be cut down to the ground, since I didn't do it last fall. I'm eager to uncover the artichokes and see if they made it through the winter. Should I cut back the blackberries now? I'll have to check my pruning book. It's tempting to do it now while I can see what I'm working with, but I think - as with roses - pruning stimulates new growth, and it's too early in the year for tender buds and branches.

Although I put some time into writing about seed starting before I left, I haven't actually started any seeds yet. This is also the time of year I like to work on my perpetual "less lawn, more gardens" campaign. The grass is just beginning to green up and, as long as the ground isn't frozen, it's easier to remove sod and prepare new beds now, before the grass comes fully out of dormancy. I am so eager to go outside and get started! However, there is a mountain of gamy laundry awaiting my attention, so I'm going to have to cut this short and get to it.

## Connecting teachers with technology

CenturyLink, Inc. is connecting teachers with technology for the classroom. The CenturyLink Foundation's Teachers and Technology grant program is now accepting applications from teachers in CenturyLink's local service areas who want to innovatively implement technology in their classroom to increase student achievement. Applications must be received by April 26, 2013.

CenturyLink has been a great partner to Idaho

schools, providing more than \$600,000 in grants to Idaho teachers over the past eight years," said Tom Luna, Idaho superintendent of public instruction. "This is an excellent way for teachers to get more of the instructional technology they need into the classroom to create a fun and engaging learning experience for all students."

Projects from previous years have ranged from robotics and rocketry to innovative "treadmill desks."

Last year's grants included funding for Lenovo ThinkPad tablets for a classroom in Middleton, laptop computers for science labs in Eagle and a computer engraver to help students with limited physical ability in Boise engrave high-quality items.

"There are many teachers in Idaho who are doing innovative things with technology in their classrooms," said Jim Schmit, CenturyLink's vice president and general manager for Idaho.

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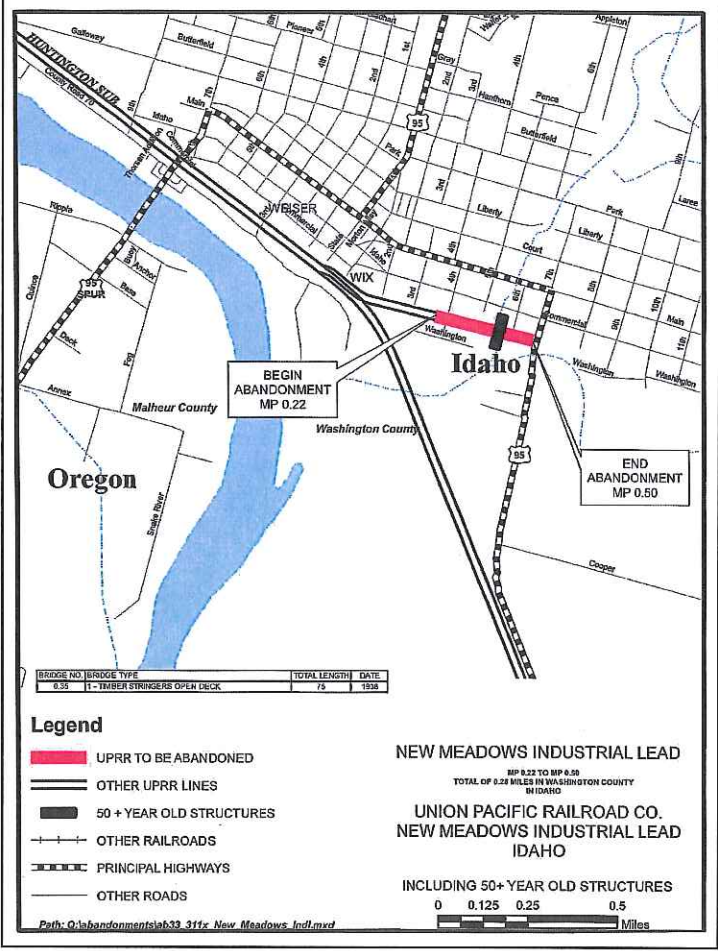
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EXHIBIT NO. 3

January 23, 2013

**VIA E-FILE**

**TO: SEE ATTACHED SERVICE LIST**

**RE: Proposed Abandonment of the New Meadows Industrial Lead from Milepost 0.22 to Milepost 0.50 at Weiser, a total distance of 0.28 miles in Washington County, Idaho; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 311X)**

To whom it may concern:

On or after February 13, 2013, Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") expects to be filing with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB" or "Board") a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon the Line from Milepost 0.22 to Milepost 0.50, near Weiser, a distance of 0.28 miles, located in Washington County, Idaho (collectively the "Line"). Attached is a Combined Environmental and Historic Report which describes the proposed action and any expected environmental and historic effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

Union Pacific is providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental analysis of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the Board's environmental review process, please contact the Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at the following address, and refer to the above-referenced Docket Number:

Surface Transportation Board  
Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA)  
395 East Street, S.W., Room #100  
Washington, DC 20423-0001  
Telephone No.: (202) 927-6211

Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to SEA (with a copy to our representative) would be appreciated within three (3) weeks.



Your comments will be considered by the Board in evaluating the environmental and/or historic preservation impacts of the contemplated action. If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact our representative directly. UP's representative in this matter is Mack H. Shumate, Jr., who may be contacted by telephone at (312) 777-2055 or by mail at 101 North Wacker Drive, Room 1920, Chicago, IL 60606.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mack H. Shumate, Jr." in a cursive style.

Mack H. Shumate, Jr.  
Senior General Attorney

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**SERVICE LIST**

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P.O. Box 7129  
Boise, ID 83707-1129

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife:**

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
1387 S. Vinnell Way, Suite 368  
Boise, ID 83709

**State Environmental Protection Agency:**

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality  
1410 N. Hilton St.  
Boise, ID 83706

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:**

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,  
Walla Walla District  
201 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Walla Walla, WA 99362

**Head of Each County:**

Washington County Board of Commissioners  
District 1  
256 East Court  
Weiser, ID 83672

**National Park Service:**

National Park Service  
221 North State Street  
Hagerman, ID 83332

**Environment Protection Agency:**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 10  
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900  
Seattle, WA 98101

**U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service:**

Natural Resource Conservation Service  
9173 W. Barnes Drive, Suite C  
Boise, ID 83709-1574

**State Historic Preservation Office:**

State Historical Society Library and Archives  
2205 Old Penitentiary Road  
Boise, ID 83712

**National Geodetic Survey:**

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RE: Proposed abandonment of the New Meadows Industrial Lead from  
MP 0.22 to MP 0.50 at Weiser, Washington Co., Idaho; STB Docket  
No. AB-33 (Sub-No 311X).

Dear Ms. Johnson,

Thank you for your letters of September 17 and October 1 regarding  
the above proposed abandonment. It is our opinion that neither the  
lead line, nor the one small bridge, are eligible for the National  
Register of Historic Places. Therefore, for Section 106 review  
purposes, this proposed abandonment will have a finding of "no  
properties/no effect."

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Susan Pengilly  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEBRASKA )  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS ) ss:

I, RAYMOND E. ALLAMONG, JR., Senior Manager Rail Line Planning of Union Pacific Railroad Company, declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States of America, that I have read the foregoing document and that its assertions are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I further declare that I am qualified and authorized to submit this verification on behalf of Union Pacific Railroad Company.

Dated at Omaha, Nebraska, this 18th day of March, 2013.

Raymond E. Allamong, Jr.  
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO  
before me this 18th day of  
March, 2013.

Donna M. Coltrane  
Notary Public

My Commission expires:

