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COMMENTS:

These comments are addressed to the proposed Mina rail route.

Selection of the Mina rail route would have disastrous socioeconomic impact on Nevada's Esmeralda, Nye and Mineral Counties because it would kill plans to establish a new state park at Monte Cristo's Castle near Blair Junction (see following map). The proposed rail route would run along the north side of US Highway 95/6, encompass the southern portion of the park, and prevent access to the park from the ONLY highway in the area.

The park would bring \$1,000,000.00 of tourist spending per year to this economically depressed area of central Nevada. One million dollars may not seem like much to many people but it is very significant to this area. It must be noted that minimal public expenditure for infrastructure (e.g., schools) is required to support tourism revenue.

We have been working for four years on having this new Nevada State Park in Esmeralda County. Hundreds of individuals from around Nevada, the USA, and tourist from foreign countries have signed petitions in support of the park. Every fraternal and social organization in the Tonopah(Nye County) – Goldfield(Esmeralda County) area have written letters of support. The County Boards of Commissioners of Esmeralda, Nye, and Mineral Counties have written letters of support for the park. Members of the State of Nevada Legislature and Administration have expressed support for the park. Members of the Administration and Congress of the USA have expressed support for the park.

We fully expect, in its 2007 session, the Nevada State Legislature will vote to establish the State Park. The Legislative Committee on Public Lands has unanimously voted to issue a 2007 Legislative Session Bill Draft Request (#401) for establishment of the park. The Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study the Protection of Natural Treasures voted unanimously to issue letters supporting establishment of a State Park at Monte Cristo's Castle in Esmeralda County.

In addition to the direct economic benefit derived from having the park, the park would act as a catalyst to turn the area into a tourist destination rather than a place to drive through as quickly as possible. The lack of the park and the presence of a nuclear-waste rail line next to the highway make the tourist drive through even more quickly or avoid the area all together.

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Boundaries of the proposed Monte Cristo's Castle Nevada State Park

Southern: US Highway 95/6

Eastern: Esmeralda County Road #14

Northern: top of Sections 31-33 of T3N-R38E*

Western: western edge of T2N-R38E and T3N-R38E*

* Township and Range Survey System in Nevada

Distance to nearest towns:

Silver Peak, Esmeralda County – 21 miles

Tonopah, Nye County – 35 miles

Mina, Mineral County – 35 miles

