

Total Burden Hours (annually including all respondents): 281 hours (total of estimated hours per response ×

number of responses for each type of filing).

TABLE—ESTIMATED TOTAL BURDEN HOURS

Type of filing	Estimated annual average number of filings (2023–2025)	Number of hours per response	Total estimated burden hours
Offer of Financial Assistance (and related filings)	2	46	92
Request for Public Use Condition	1	4	4
Feeder Line Application	1	70	70
Trail Use Request (with extensions)	23	5	115
Total burden hours			281

Total “Non-hour Burden” Cost: Because Board collections are submitted electronically to the Board, there is no cost for filing with the Board. However, respondents are sometimes required to send consultation letters to various other governmental agencies. Copies of these letters are part of an environmental and historic report that must be filed with this collection (unless waived by the Board). Because some of these other agencies may require hard copy letters, there may be some limited mailing costs, which staff estimates in total to be approximately \$1,800.00.

Needs and Uses: The Surface Transportation Board is, by statute, responsible for the economic regulation of common carrier freight railroads and certain other carriers operating in the United States. Under the laws the Board administers, persons seeking to preserve rail service may file pleadings before the Board to acquire or subsidize a rail line for continued service, or to impose a trail use or public use condition.

When a line is proposed for abandonment, affected shippers, communities, or other interested persons may seek to preserve rail service by filing with the Board: an offer of financial assistance (OFA) to subsidize or purchase a rail line for which a railroad is seeking abandonment (49 U.S.C. 10904), including a request for the Board to set terms and conditions of the financial assistance; a request for a public use condition (§ 10905); or a trail use request (16 U.S.C. 1247(d)). Similarly, when a line is placed on a system diagram map identifying it as an anticipated or potential candidate for abandonment, affected shippers, communities, or other interested persons may seek to preserve rail service by filing with the Board a feeder line application to purchase the identified rail line (§ 10907). Additionally, the railroad owning the

rail line subject to abandonment must, in some circumstances, provide information to the applicant or offeror, as included above.

As to trail use, the STB will issue a CITU or NITU to a prospective trail sponsor who seeks an interim trail use agreement with the rail carrier of the rail line that is being abandoned if the rail carrier consents. The CITU/NITU permits parties to negotiate for an interim trail use agreement. The parties may also agree to an extension of the negotiating period. If parties reach a trail use agreement, then they must jointly notify the Board of that fact and of any modification or vacancy of the agreement. There is a one-year period for any initial interim trail use negotiating period (with potential extensions).

Under the PRA, a federal agency that conducts or sponsors a collection of information must display a currently valid OMB control number. A collection of information, which is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c), includes agency requirements that persons submit reports, keep records, or provide information to the agency, third parties, or the public. Section 3507(b) of the PRA requires, concurrent with an agency’s submitting a collection to OMB for approval, a 30-day notice and comment period through publication in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information.

Dated: May 20, 2026.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36926]

Great Basin & Northern Railway, Inc.—Change in Operators Exemption—City of Ely and Nevada Northern Railway Foundation

Great Basin & Northern Railway, Inc. (Great Basin & Northern Railway), has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to replace the Great Basin and Northern Railroad, Inc. (Great Basin and Northern Railroad), as the common carrier operator over approximately 156.6 miles of rail line (the Lines) owned by the City of Ely, Nev., and the Nevada Northern Railway Foundation, Inc. (the Foundation).¹ The Lines include a main line between milepost 0.0 at or near Cobre, Nev., and milepost 146.1 at or near Keystone, Nev.; a branch line between milepost 127.9 at McGill Junction and milepost MB 2.5 at McGill, Nev.; and a branch line between milepost 135.3 at Hiline, Nev., and milepost H–8 at Adverse, Nev., all in Elko and White Pine Counties, Nev.

Great Basin & Northern Railway states it expects to enter an agreement with the Lines’ owners on or about when the notice becomes effective, giving it rights to provide common carrier service on the Lines. The current operator of the Lines, Great Basin and Northern Railroad, has authorized Great Basin & Northern Railway to represent that Great Basin and Northern Railroad does not object to the proposed change in operators.²

¹ Great Basin & Northern Railway filed a supplement to its verified notice on May 8, 2026. The date of its supplement, May 8, 2026, is therefore considered the filing date of the verified notice.

² According to the verified notice, both the future operator (Great Basin & Northern Railway) and the current operator (Great Basin and Northern Railroad) are subsidiaries of the Foundation. Great Basin & Northern Railway states that the change in operators will not cause the Foundation to control

Great Basin & Northern Railway certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million. Great Basin & Northern Railway also certifies that the proposed transaction does not involve any provision or agreement that may limit future interchange of traffic with a third-party connecting carrier. Under 49 CFR 1150.32(b), a change in operators exemption requires that notice be given to shippers. Great Basin & Northern Railway states there are no shippers on the Lines.

The transaction may be consummated on or after June 7, 2026, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed by May 29, 2026 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36926, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing on the Board's website or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Great Basin & Northern Railway's representative, Jason Tutrone, Thompson Hine LLP, 1919 M Street NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20036.

According to Great Basin & Northern Railway, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

Decided: May 19, 2026.

By the Board, Anika S. Cooper, Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel.

Kenyatta Clay,

Clearance Clerk.

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multiple rail carriers concurrently, because Great Basin and Northern Railroad will stop providing all common carrier services, and its common carrier obligation concerning the Lines will terminate, upon consummation of the transaction.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2012-0332; FMCSA-2013-0124; FMCSA-2014-0103; FMCSA-2014-0387; FMCSA-2017-0057; FMCSA-2020-0024; FMCSA-2022-0032; FMCSA-2023-0019]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Hearing

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of renewal of exemptions; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for 14 individuals from the hearing requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) for interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. The exemptions enable these hard of hearing and deaf individuals to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

DATES: The exemptions were applicable on May 15, 2026. The exemptions expire on May 15, 2028. Comments must be received on or before June 22, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket No. FMCSA-2012-0332, FMCSA-2013-0124, FMCSA-2013-0125, FMCSA-2014-0103, FMCSA-2014-0387, FMCSA-2017-0057, FMCSA-2020-0024, FMCSA-2021-0017, FMCSA-2022-0032, or FMCSA-2023-0019, as appropriate, using any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to www.regulations.gov, insert the docket number (FMCSA-2012-0332, FMCSA-2013-0124, FMCSA-2013-0125, FMCSA-2014-0103, FMCSA-2014-0387, FMCSA-2017-0057, FMCSA-2020-0024, FMCSA-2021-0017, FMCSA-2022-0032, or FMCSA-2023-0019, as appropriate) in the keyword box and click "Search." Next, sort the results by "Posted (Newer-Older)," choose the first notice listed, and click on the "Comment" button. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- **Mail:** Dockets Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W58-213, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- **Hand Delivery or Courier:** Dockets Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W58-213, Washington, DC 20590-0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- **Fax:** (202) 493-2251.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the "Public Participation" portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, FMCSA, DOT, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001; (202) 366-4001; fmcamedical@dot.gov. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dockets Operations, (202) 366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

A. Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA-2012-0332, FMCSA-2013-0124, FMCSA-2013-0125, FMCSA-2014-0103, FMCSA-2014-0387, FMCSA-2017-0057, FMCSA-2020-0024, FMCSA-2021-0017, FMCSA-2022-0032, or FMCSA-2023-0019), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so that FMCSA can contact you if there are questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to www.regulations.gov, insert the docket number (FMCSA-2012-0332, FMCSA-2013-0124, FMCSA-2013-0125,

FMCSA-2014-0103, FMCSA-2014-0387, FMCSA-2017-0057, FMCSA-2020-0024, FMCSA-2021-0017, FMCSA-2022-0032, or FMCSA-2023-0019) in the keyword box and click "Search." Next, sort the results by "Posted (Newer-Older)," choose the first notice listed, click the "Comment" button, and type your comment into the text box on the following screen. Choose whether you are submitting your comment as an individual or on behalf of a third party and then submit.

If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.