



**El Dorado Trail**  
**The BOSONE** to: Cynthia C Johnson  
 Sent by: Loretta M Featherston

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Cindy,

This email came in too late to make the March 28 meeting # 10-1169. Please add this to the documents for the next meeting on May 17th.  
 Thank you.

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 EL DORADO COUNTY

**Placerville Branch - Southern Pacific RR**

**Bruce** to: bosone

03/28/2011 09:58 PM

Dear Supervisor Knight,

I live in Amador County and work in El Darado County. I do not own a "Speeder", but I am a fan of Railroads and Railroading. I am especially enthusiastic about "historic Railroads". I am also a bicycle enthusiast, and ride both a road bike and a mountain bike. We have an opportunity to preserve a part of our history. To remove the rails of the Placerville Branch to make a bike trail would be a crime. Very few bicyclists are ever going to ride up that long hot grade. I know I will not. There will be some who will ride down it at full speed. I admit, that would be fun, but not nearly as fun as riding a train on those historic rails. If the rails are pulled, they are pulled forever. That would forever eliminate the possibility of having a tourist train that runs between Folsom (or Sacramento) and Placerville. The draw of such a tourist train would be incredible, and a real boost to the economy of El Dorado County. I realize that we do not have the funding to do it now. But we are not going to be in a recession forever. I would have no problems with a dual use trail built along side the rails. But I completely object to pulling the rails, just so they can be sold for scrap, to help fund the paving of a trail that few will ever use. To sacrifice this historic resource for the economic benefit of a few elitists would be a shame, and I will fight it in every way I can.

I will not be able to attend your meeting, so please make my comments part of the Public Record.

Again, if the rails are pulled, they are gone forever.

Sincerely,  
 Bruce Odelberg  
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Kirkwood, California