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Dear Members of the Board:

We recently became aware of possible intent to remove the historic tracks of the first railroad in the West. We are dismayed! Surely some compromise between trail users and P&SVRR can be reached. The cost alone would be daunting and, in our view, not necessary given property easements along the right of way. It seems, by the numbers of train riders we witnessed on August 6 and 7, that the P&SVRR will become a great tourist attraction and bring revenue to both counties!

Please reconsider pursuing the great expense of removing this remarkable historical treasure from our joint histories! Weigh the historical value of the first railroad in the West against the "historical value" of a hiking/cycling trail! But why does it have to be either/or? Why can't it be both?

Yours Truly

Tom Silver
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Historical Trails Enthusiasts