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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Long Range Transportation Plan for Service-Managed Lands

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 204.

SUMMARY: The Federal Highway Administration, along with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of a draft Service Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for public review and comment. The Draft LRTP outlines a strategy for improving and maintaining transportation assets that provide access to Service-managed lands nationally over the next 20 years. Preparing this document helps the Service meet transportation planning requirements under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21).

DATES: Please provide your comments by December 23, 2015.

ADDRESSES: See Supplementary Information section for address to obtain copies or make comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), DOI: Steve Suder, (703) 358-1752
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT: Roxanne Bash, (360) 619-7558

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: After nearly three years of collaboration and planning, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service developed the Service's Long Range Transportation Plan for managed lands, including national wildlife refuges and national fish hatcheries. As the first national level, long range transportation planning document (called PLAN 2035) for a federal land management agency, completing this plan marks a significant achievement for transportation planning in the public lands arena.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is tasked with managing a transportation system that provides mobility and

access to sensitive habitats and natural resources in rural landscapes, urban areas, wetlands, coastal plains, mountain highlands and everything in between.

With more than 150 million acres, 560 national wildlife refuges, 70 national fish hatcheries, and 38 wetland management districts, the task is daunting in scope alone. PLAN 2035 is our Agency's answer to solving challenges through transportation solutions. Safety toolkits, roadway design standards, multi-modal access opportunities and a myriad of other strategies and practices not only let us connect to and move freely about our lands, but also help us improve these legacy resources for generations of visitors to come.

The Service envisions a transportation system of not just roads and parking lots, but foot and bicycle paths, transit systems, bridges and water trails that lay lightly on the landscape, yet are resilient to the consequences of natural disasters. The guidance and strategies contained in PLAN 2035 will set the stage for achieving this lofty vision while establishing the transportation program as a progressive, innovative and integral part of the Service.

The draft LRTP is available on the following Web site: <http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flpp/documents/2035-national-lrtp.pdf>. Submit comments electronically at fwslrtpcomments@fws.gov.

We also have a limited number of printed and CD-ROM copies of the draft plans. You may request a copy or submit written comments at the following address: Steve Suder; Attn: FWS National LRTP; US Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS-NWRS, Falls Church, VA 22041

Next Steps—After this comment period ends, we will analyze the comments and address them in the form of final LRTP.

Public Availability of Comments—Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2015-0047]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated May 8, 2015, the Stewartstown Railroad (STRT) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 215, Railroad Freight Car Safety Standards; Part 223, Safety Glazing Standards—Locomotives, Passenger Cars and Caboose; and Part 224, Reflectorization of Rail Freight Rolling Stock. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2015-0047.

STRT owns 7.4 miles of railroad between Stewartstown and New Freedom, PA. The last revenue trains were operated in 2004. Over the last several years, volunteers have made repairs and upgrades to track, locomotives, and rolling stock. STRT initially intends to operate six-tenths of a mile out of Stewartstown and gradually expand services as more track is rehabilitated to Class 1 condition. Initial service will be provided by a 35-ton Plymouth locomotive and Caboose PRR 478173 to carry passengers for tourist railroad operations conducted at speeds not exceeding 10 mph. Caboose PRR 478173 is the subject of the present waiver petition.

STRT indicates that this car was built in February 1951, which makes the current date more than 50 years from the date of original construction, and STRT will therefore require relief from 49 CFR 215.203, *Restricted cars*, to continue the car in service. Because the caboose is not equipped with compliant glazing, STRT also requests relief from the requirements of 49 CFR 223.13, *Requirements for existing cabooses*. STRT notes that there is no history of vandalism and that retrofitting the caboose with compliant glazing would be cost prohibitive. Since STRT does not interchange equipment with any of the railroad, the railroad also requests relief from the requirements of 49 CFR 215.303, *Stenciling of restricted cars*.