

4. Set strategic priorities within and between each cluster;

5. Select projects (research, field operational tests, targeted model deployments) to reduce the unknowns within each cluster, meet the goals, objectives and strategic priorities, and stay within budget allocations for each fiscal year; and

6. Evaluate progress and update both the Strategic Plan and Program Plan during each budget cycle (Performance Feed Forward).

(23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48)

Issued on: March 7, 1997.

Jane F. Garvey,

*Acting Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.*

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### Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB-433X]

#### Idaho Northern & Pacific Railroad Company; Abandonment Exemption in Wallowa and Union Counties, OR

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board—DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (the ICCTA), which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) and transferred certain functions and proceedings to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). Section 204(b)(1) of the ICCTA provides, in general, that proceedings pending before the ICC on the effective date of that legislation shall be decided under the law in effect prior to January 1, 1996, insofar as they involve functions retained by the ICCTA. This decision relates to a proceeding that was pending with the ICC prior to January 1, 1996, and to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10903. Therefore, this decision applies the law in effect prior to the ICCTA, and citations are to the former sections of the statute, unless otherwise indicated. The Board, under 49 U.S.C. 10505 exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903-04, the abandonment by Idaho Northern & Pacific Railroad Company of a 60.58-mile portion of its Joseph Branch line, in Wallowa and Union Counties, OR, subject to standard labor protective conditions and environmental conditions.

**DATES:** Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective April 17, 1997. Formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2) must be filed by March 28, 1997; petitions to stay must be filed April 2, 1997; requests for a public use condition in conformity with 49 CFR 1152.28(a)(2) must be filed by April 7, 1997; and petitions to reopen must be filed by April 14, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** An original and 10 copies of all pleadings referring to Docket No. AB-433X must be filed with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of all pleadings must be served on petitioner's representative: Robert A. Wimbish, 1920 N Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call or pick up in person from: DC News & Data, Inc., 1925 K Street, NW., Suite 210, Washington, DC 20006 [Telephone: (202) 289-4357]. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 565-1695.]

Decided: March 12, 1997.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,

*Secretary.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

#### Submission to OMB for Review; Comment Request

March 10, 1997.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

*OMB Number:* 1545-1380.

*Regulation ID Number:* IA-17-90 (Final).

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Reporting Requirements for Recipients of Points Paid on Residential Mortgages.

*Description:* To encourage compliance with the tax laws relating to the mortgage interest deduction, the regulations require the reporting on Form 1098 of points paid on residential mortgages. Only businesses that receive mortgage interest in the course of a trade or business are affected by this reporting requirement.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 37,644.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent:* 7 hours, 31 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 283,056 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Garrick Shear, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dale A. Morgan,

*Departmental Reports Management Officer.*

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### Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

[Docket No. 97-01]

#### Preemption Determination

**AGENCY:** Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) is reopening the public comment period on the OCC's notice and request for comment regarding a request it has received for a preemption determination regarding certain provisions of the Rhode Island Financial Institution Insurance Sales Act.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by May 15, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to the Communications Division, 250 E Street, SW, Third Floor, Washington, DC 20219. Attention Docket No. 97-01. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to FAX number