

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with Shoshone National Forest, the National Park Service, and the Wyoming Department of Transportation, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a proposed improvement of U.S. Highway 212, Beartooth Highway. U.S. Highway 212 begins at the northeast corner to Yellowstone National Park, Park County, Montana, and proceeds northeasterly for 68.7 miles to the town of Red Lodge, Montana, in Carbon County. The section proposed for improvement begins 7.1 miles east of the junction of WY 296 (Chief Joseph Highway) and proceeds in a northeasterly direction for 18.6 miles ending at the Wyoming/Montana state line.

Alternatives under consideration include (1) the "no build," (2) reconstruction of the roadway to applicable standards, and (3) other alternatives that will be developed during the scoping process.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed interest in this proposal. Interagency scoping meetings and public scoping meetings will be held in the project area. Public hearings will also be held. Information on the time and place of public scoping meetings and public hearings will be provided in the local news media. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment at the time of the hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments and questions concerning the proposed action should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number, Highway Research Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Issued on: August 19, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33643]

#### Union Pacific Railroad Company— Trackage Rights Exemption— Wisconsin Central, Ltd.

Wisconsin Central, Ltd. (WC) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) between milepost 308.5 near Owen, WI, extending to milepost 352.2 at Chippewa Falls, WI, extending to milepost 432.1 Withrow, MN, a distance of 123.6 miles.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on August 25, 1998.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to permit UP to use WC's trackage in an efficient and economical routing of through traffic.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If the 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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33643, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Joseph D. Anthofer, General Attorney, 1416 Dodge Street, #830, Omaha, NE 68179.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: August 27, 1998.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,  
Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission to OMB for Review; Comment Request

August 26, 1998.

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.

*Dates:* Written comments should be received on or before October 5, 1998, to be assured of consideration.

#### Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

*OMB Number:* 1545-0715.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 1099-B.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Proceeds From Broker and Barter Exchange Transactions.

*Description:* Form 1099-B is used by brokers and barter exchanges to report proceeds from transactions to the Internal Revenue Service.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 50,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 29,402,969 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0930.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 8396.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Mortgage Interest Credit.

*Description:* Form 8396 is used by individual taxpayers to claim a credit against their tax for a portion of the interest paid on a home mortgage in connection with a qualified mortgage credit certificate. Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 163(g) provides that the interest deduction on Schedule A will be reduced by the credit.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 10,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:*

Recordkeeping—46 min.

Learning about the law or the form—7 min.

Preparing the form—42 min.

Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS—20 min.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 54,600 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1112.

*Regulation Project Number:* IA-96-88 Final.