has procedures in place to ensure that any such relationships will not influence any accreditation or approval decisions, and shall maintain and use these procedures.  

c) IAAME shall disclose to the Department any other situation or circumstance that may create the appearance of a conflict of interest.

2) Liability: IAAME agrees to maintain sufficient resources to defend challenges to its actions as an accrediting entity, including by maintaining liability insurance for its actions as an accrediting entity brought by agencies and/or persons seeking to be accredited or approved or who are accredited or approved, and to inform the Department immediately of any events that may affect its ability to defend itself (e.g., change in or loss of insurance coverage, change in relevant state law). IAAME agrees that it will consult with the Department immediately if it becomes aware of any other legal proceedings related to its acts as an accrediting entity, or of any legal proceedings not related to its acts as an accrediting entity that may threaten its ability to continue to function as an accrediting entity.

Article 7
Liaison Between the Department and the Accrediting Entity

1) IAAME’s principal point of contact for communications relating to its functions and duties as an accrediting entity will be the Director of Intercountry Adoption Accreditation. The Department’s principal point of contact for communication is the Accrediting Entity Liaison officer in the Office of Children’s Issues, Office of Overseas Citizens Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

2) The parties will keep each other currently informed in writing of the names and contact information for their principal points of contact. As of the signing of this Agreement, the respective principal points of contact are as set forth in Attachment 1.

Article 8
Certifications and Assurances

1) IAAME certifies that it will comply with all requirements of applicable State and Federal law.

Article 9
Agreement, Scope, and Period of Performance

1) Scope:  
a) This agreement is not intended to have any effect on any activities of IAAME that are not related to its functions as an accrediting entity for adoption service providers providing adoption services in intercountry adoptions.

b) Nothing in this agreement shall be deemed to be a commitment or obligation to provide any Federal funds.

c) All accrediting entity functions and responsibilities authorized by this agreement are to occur only during the duration of this agreement.

d) Nothing in this agreement shall release IAAME from any legal requirements or responsibilities imposed on the accrediting entity by the IAA, UAA, 22 CFR part 96, or any other applicable laws or regulations.

2) Commencement of responsibilities: IAAME’s responsibilities as an accrediting entity under Article 2 will commence upon approval by the Department of systems, procedures, and a fee schedule that, if applicable, are coordinated between IAAME and any other designated accrediting entity to ensure general consistency in accreditation systems and procedures, and general parity of fees; and, if applicable, determination by the Department of jurisdictional boundaries between IAAME and any other designated accrediting entity.

3) Duration: IAAME’s designation as an accrediting entity and this agreement shall remain in effect for five years from signature, unless terminated earlier by the Department in conjunction with the suspension or cancellation of the designation of IAAME. The Parties may agree mutually in writing to extend the designation of the accrediting entity and the duration of this agreement. If either Party does not wish to renew the agreement, it must provide written notice no less than one year prior to the termination date, and the Parties will consult to establish a mutually agreed period of such adoption service providers to another accrediting entity, including by transferring a reasonable allocation of collected fees for the remainder of the accreditation or approval period of such adoption service providers.

4) Changed Circumstances: If unforeseen circumstances arise that will render IAAME unable to continue to perform its duties as an Accrediting Entity, IAAME will immediately inform the Department of State. The Parties will consult and make an effort to find a solution that will enable IAAME to continue to perform until the end of the contract period. If no such solution can be reached, the contract may be terminated on a mutually agreed date or, if mutual agreement cannot be reached, on not less than 14 months written notice from IAAME.

5) Severability: To the extent that the Department determines, within its reasonable discretion, that any provision of this agreement is inconsistent with the Convention, the IAA, the UAA, the regulations implementing the IAA and UAA, or any other provision of law, that provision of the agreement shall be considered null and void and the remainder of the agreement shall continue in full force and effect as if the offending portion had not been a part of it.

6) Entitlement of Agreement: This agreement is the entire agreement of the Parties and may be modified only upon written agreement of the Parties.


David T. Donahue, Acting Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10099]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “Fragonard: The Fantasy Figures” Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects to be included in the exhibition “Fragonard: The Fantasy Figures,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, District of Columbia, from on or about October 8, 2017, until on or about December 3, 2017, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the imported objects, contact Elliot Chiu in the Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6471; email: section24590@state.gov). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, SA–5, Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522–0505.

Goose Lake Railway, LLC—Change in Operator Exemption—LRY, LLC d.b.a. Lake Railway

Goose Lake Railway, LLC (GLRY), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to assume operations over approximately 54.45 miles of rail line, known as the Lakeview Branch, between milepost 513.05 at Lakeview, Or. (the Line).1

GLRY states that the Line is owned by Lake County, Or. (Lake County), and LRY, LLC d.b.a. Lake Railway (LRY) currently operates it pursuant to a lease agreement.2 According to GLRY, Lake County acquired the Line from the Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SPTC) after the Board’s predecessor, the Interstate Commerce Commission, authorized SPTC to abandon it.3 Lake County was authorized to operate the Line pursuant to a Modified Rail Certificate.4 GLRY states that, under the new operating agreement, GLRY will replace LRY as the operator of the Line upon consummation and LRY will have no further common carrier obligation with respect to the Line. GLRY also states that LRY has agreed to terminate its operation over the Line upon consummation of the transaction between GLRY and Lake County and does not object to the proposed change in operators.

GLRY states that the proposed change in operators does not involve any provision or agreement that would limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier. GLRY certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier and would not exceed $5 million.

Under 49 CFR 1150.32(b), a change in operators requires that notice be given to shippers. GLRY certifies that it has provided notice of the proposed change in operators to all known shippers on the Line.

GLRY intends to consummate the proposed transaction on or about September 9, 2017, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

If the verified 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 effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than September 1, 2017 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36143, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Robert A. Wimbish, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606.

According to GLRY, this action is excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b)(1).

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at www.stb.gov.


By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Rena Laws-Byrum,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Noise Certification Standards for Subsonic Jet Airplanes and Subsonic Transport Category Large Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew a previously approved information collection. The information collected is needed for applicants’ noise certification compliance reports in order to demonstrate compliance.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by September 25, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/FAA, and sent via electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov, or faxed to (202) 395–6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA’s performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB’s clearance of this information collection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Hall at Barbara.L.Hall@faa.gov or (817) 222–5448.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 2120–0659.

Title: Noise Certification Standards for Subsonic Jet Airplanes and Subsonic Transport Category Large Airplanes.