

undue financial burden that ACJR cannot bear at this time.

Because of a low risk of exposure to injury due to vandalism and the prohibitive cost of glazing material and labor, ACJR is requesting the waiver of regulation contained at 49 CFR 223.11 for its locomotive listed above.

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better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at [www.dot.gov/privacy](http://www.dot.gov/privacy). See also <http://www.regulations.gov/#/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov.

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**Ron Hynes,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2015-0007-N-21]

#### Agency Request for Emergency Processing of Collection of Information by the Office of Management and Budget

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), United States Department of Transportation (USDOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** FRA hereby gives notice that it is submitting the following Information Collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Emergency Processing under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. FRA requests that OMB authorize the collection of information identified below seven days after publication of this Notice for a period of 180 days.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of this individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by telephoning FRA's Office of Safety Clearance Officer: Robert Brogan (tel. (202) 493-6292) or FRA's Office of Administration Clearance Officer: Kimberly Toone (tel. (202) 493-6132); these numbers are not toll-free; or by contacting Mr. Brogan via facsimile at (202) 493-6216 or Ms. Toone via facsimile at (202) 493-6497, or via email by contacting Mr. Brogan at [Robert.Broga@dot.gov](mailto:Robert.Broga@dot.gov); or by contacting Ms. Toone at [Kim.Toone@dot.gov](mailto:Kim.Toone@dot.gov). Comments and questions about the ICR identified below should be directed to OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: FRA OMB Desk Officer.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** FRA issued Safety Advisory 2015-04 on August 20, 2015, to emphasize the importance of timely repairing ballast defects and conditions on main tracks. FRA published Safety Advisory 2015-04 in the **Federal Register** on August 26, 2015. See 80 FR 51868. In the Safety Advisory, FRA notes that ballast defects and ballast conditions that are not repaired in a timely manner can lead to future defects. FRA believes it is important for track inspectors to be aware that ballast defects and conditions can cause track components to deteriorate rapidly and compromise the stability of the track structure, and that inspectors are trained to identify and repair ballast defects and conditions. This safety advisory recommends that track owners and railroads: (1) Assess current engineering instructions on ballast safety and update them to provide specific guidance to track inspectors (designated personnel that are qualified to inspect and repair track) on how to identify and initiate remedial action under 49 CFR 213.233(d) for ballast defects and conditions, as well as on the appropriate remedial action to implement, particularly in areas with one or more additional track conditions; (2) train track inspectors on the updated engineering instructions and this safety advisory to ensure they understand how to identify and initiate remedial action for ballast defects and conditions in a timely manner, and understand the importance of such remedial action in preventing the development of unsafe combinations of track conditions; and (3) ensure that supervisors provide adequate oversight of track inspectors to achieve identification and remediation of ballast defects and other track conditions.

FRA is requesting Emergency processing approval seven days after publication of this **Federal Register** Notice because FRA cannot reasonably comply with normal clearance procedures on account of use of normal clearance procedures is reasonably likely to disrupt the collection of information. The associated collection of information is summarized below.

*Title:* Ballast Defects and Conditions—Importance of Identification and Repair in Preventing Development of Unsafe Combinations of Track Conditions.

*Reporting Burden:*

Safety advisory 2015–04	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours
(1) RR Assessment and Update of Engineering Instructions to provide Guidance to Its Track Inspectors on How to Identify and Repair Ballast Defects and Other Ballast Conditions.	754 Railroads .....	100 assessments + 100 engineering instruction updates.	60 minutes .....	200 hours.
(2) RR Training of Its Track Inspectors on Updated Engineering Instructions and FRA Safety Advisory 2015–04.	754 Railroads .....	10,000 trained track inspectors/records.	60 minutes .....	10,000 hours.

*Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Respondent Universe:* 754 Railroads.

*Frequency of Submission:* One-time; on occasion.

*Total Estimated Responses:* 10,200.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden:* 10,200 hours.

*Status:* Emergency Review.

Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b), 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 26, 2015.

**Corey Hill,**

*Acting Executive Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2015–0028]

#### 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 March 16, 2015, Placerville & Sacramento Valley Railroad, Inc. (PSVR) 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. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2015–0028.

PSVR owns a former St. Louis Southwestern Railway (SSW) bay window caboose, identified as Car Number SSW 48. This car turned 50 years old from the original date of construction in May 2015 and is therefore restricted in accordance with 49 CFR 215.203(a) and required to be stenciled in accordance with 49 CFR 215.303. PSVR is requesting that the stenciling requirement be waived. In

addition, PSVR requests a special approval to continue to use this caboose in accordance with 49 CFR 215.203(b).

In support of its petition, PSVR stated that it is a noninsular tourist railroad. The caboose is used in passenger service for tourist excursions on the PSVR system. The caboose began operation in this service in September 2014 (at which time it was not yet 50 years old), following an inspection and completion of a successful single car air brake test. This caboose has been examined and deemed safe to operate under the conditions set forth in PSVR's petition on Class 1 track for passenger service. The territorial limit of PSVR's operation is on the former Southern Pacific Placerville Branch in Sacramento and El Dorado counties owned by the Sacramento-Placerville Joint Powers Authority from approximately Milepost (MP) 111 to approximately MP 142. The caboose will operate only on this territory, and will not be used in interchange service. PSVR proposes to operate the caboose with a speed limit of 30 mph.

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