



RAIL-TRAIL SUPREME COURT DECISION

On March 10, 2014, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down a decision in the case involving a rail corridor formerly on federal land that is now privately owned (Marvin M. Brandt Revocable Trust et al. v. United States). The ruling affects a specific type of rail corridor that does not meet the criteria below.

How will the decision affect my local rail-trail?

If you answer YES to ANY of the following questions, your local rail-trail will NOT be affected by the Supreme Court decision.

Has the rail-trail been railbanked?*

Was the corridor originally acquired by the RR through federal lands before 1875?

Was the RR corridor originally acquired from a private landowner?

Does the trail manager own the land adjacent to the RR corridor?

Has the trail manager acquired full title (fee simple) to the corridor?

Does the RR corridor fall within one of the original 13 colonies?

**NO
EFFECT**

Questions about a specific trail? Please contact the manager of that trail or contact RTC at railtrails@railstotrails.org.

*Railbanking is the federal process of preserving former railway corridors for potential future railway service by converting them to multi-use trails in the interim.

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