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Date: July 31, 2008

Honorary Vernon A. Williams  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001



**Subject: Naches Rail Line Salvage Project, NR 3298**

Dear Honorary Williams:

As per STB Docket No. AB-600 (Sub-No. IX), Yakima County has contacted the following organizations to proceed with the Naches Rail Line Salvage Project.

1) NGS (NOAA), was notified about the existence of two Geodetic markers on the rail line, Station Marker M294 and NB 17 14 17.A Response was received from Ronnie Taylor and informed us the Prospect Contractor would have to work around the markers and if disturbed would have to reset them. A Draft procedure was emailed to us advising on how to reset the markers.

2) Department of Ecology, A permit application has been filed with an NOI (Notice of intent) and a request for an Erosion Waiver (Section 402 Stormwater permit).

3)US Fish and Wildlife, A Permit application has been also filed for an exemption.

4)NPS, As per my conversation with the National Park Service, the NPS has no interests on the Rail Line and no environmental assessments' are needed by them. They have no objection on the project. And as far as any applications for permits, there are none required.

5)US Army Core of Engineers, The Core was informed on the project and the following was their response:

" Based on the information you have provided in your email and in today's teleconference, you would not need authorization from the Corps of Engineers to perform the abandonment of this rail line. You have described the work to involve only the removal of the railroad track and ties, with no earthmoving or excavation/disposal of soil from the railroad bed. As there would be no discharge of dredged or fill material into the Naches

River, streams, or wetlands, no Corps permit would be required. If you have additional questions, please contact me.

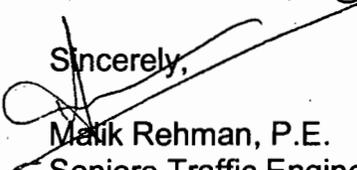
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6) Washington Department of Archeology & Historic Preservation (SHPO), Yakima County has contacted their respective office and filed an application and completed the section 106 process. There has been oral correspondence on an exemption and a written confirmation is in due process. *Removed 7/6/07*

I believe that Yakima County Staff has performed the necessary by contacting these agencies in notifying the salvage activities for the abandonment of the Naches Rail Line, here in Yakima, WA. Further, we would like to request the Surface Transportation Board to issue us a Notice to Proceed on the above mentioned project. If at all any other assessment reports are received during the course of the project, Yakima County Shall Notify the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) on the findings for public review and comments.

For any other information and comments please contact me at: (509) 574-2493 or email me at [malik.rehman@co.yakima.wa.us](mailto:malik.rehman@co.yakima.wa.us)

Sincerely,

  
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