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Another comment.

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Why run the railroad through the "middle" of Moses Lake when there are several other alternatives? The proposed route will take the railroad through commercial and residential areas as it passes through Moses Lake. Of particular concern is where the track will parallel highway 17; railroad tracks are not esthetically pleasing. Now as we cross the creek or lake we see wild life of various kinds. Tracks in that area will diminish what little is there now. True, there is not much to look at now, but we should not be going in the wrong direction. The area has potential with the right development.

What are the alternatives? As I understand it, the objective is to provide rail service to the industrial area on the base. If the railroad proceeds along the existing abandoned tract toward Adrian from Wheeler, it would be going in a northwesterly direction. At a number of places the tracks could veer to the left and go west into the base from the side or back. The property is less expensive; part of the track base has already been built and the track is moved from its esthetically destructive location.

Ken Jorgensen