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April 6, 2007

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Subject: Species List for the STB Finance Docket No. 34936, Northern Columbia Basin
Railroad Project in Grant County, WA

Dear Ms. Phinney:

This responds to your recent request for a list of threatened and endangered species. For your convenience, updated countywide species and habitat listings are now available on our website at <http://easternwashington.rvvs.eov>. To view the listings in your area of concern, select "county species lists" within the ESA programs page, and then select the county of interest. The lists available on our website are compliant with Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), and are the most current available listings of endangered, threatened and proposed species and critical habitats in a given area. For optional consideration, the lists also contain updated candidate species.

When you submit a request for Section 7 consultation, we request that you include your downloaded species list and the date it was downloaded, as an attachment. If applicable, please also include the United States Fish and Wildlife Service reference number on your consultation request. This will document your compliance with 50 CFR 402.12 (c).

Should your project plans change significantly, or if the project is delayed more than 90 days, you should update your species lists through our website and through the above listed agencies. Thank you for your efforts to protect our nation's species and their habitats. If you have any questions concerning the above information, please contact Suzanne Audet at (509) 893-8002, or via email at Suzanne_Audet@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzanne Audet".

Handwritten initials, possibly "SA", followed by the word "Supervisor".