

# PORT OF CENTRALIA

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Ms. Kathy Hunter  
Deputy Assistant Director  
Transportation Safety  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
PO Box 47250  
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RE: TR-110158 – Petition on Behalf of Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad to Close the  
Foron Road Grade Crossing in Lewis County, Washington  
USDOT #092559P

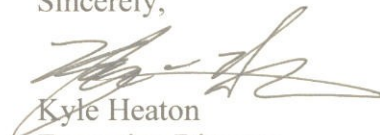
Dear Ms. Hunter:

The Port of Centralia is in receipt of your letter dated January 26, 2011 in regards to the above-referenced petition. The Port is fully supportive of Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad's petition to close Foron Road Grade Crossing. This petition has received overwhelming community support as well.

In the Port's original petition and order to establish a crossing a Kuper Road, both the Port and the WUTC agreed it made sense to close Foron Road once Kuper Road was completed. The Kuper Road Crossing is state of the art with all necessary safety equipment and is already being used by the parties that would be affected by the Foron Road Crossing closure.

As the road authority of Kuper Road and owner of the homes on the north side of the Foron Road Crossing, the Port of Centralia has no objections to traffic being diverted to Kuper Road as a result of the closure of the Foron Road Crossing.

Sincerely,



Kyle Heaton  
Executive Director

cc: Port Commissioners: Groshong, Lehman, Keahey  
Jan Stemkoski, City of Centralia  
Larry Sorenson, PSAP Railroad