I am concerned about the safety issue with remote control operations in the state of Washington. The general public is not aware of the potential danger of remote engines and there have already been numerous instances of derailments and accidents contributed to their operation. Only a couple of weeks ago, at Balmer Yard in Seattle, a remote ran through a switch and past an absolute (RED) block onto the mainline. If this had happened fifteen or twenty minutes later it would have run into Amtrak #1008 and as it was it delayed the Amtrak train for four hours. This was because the remote controlled train derailed when it attempted to back into the yard after splitting the switch.

On Friday the 21st of February a remote control operation working out of South Seattle shoved a dangerous car into the side of a building in the Blackriver Area near Southcenter. Please take these things into consideration.

Thank you,
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