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Utilities and Transportation Commission,

This letter is in reference to the Butler Loop (Skamania Landing) Railroad Crossing (USDOT 090135B). Skamania County is requesting an extension from the UTC for funding this project.

Work within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area is governed by the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Management Plan and an application must comply with the requirements of the Management Plan before the County or any other party can move forward on this project. BNSF is doing the construction on the project; therefore, BNSF must comply with the National Scenic Area regulations. Skamania County agreed to complete the NSA application and turn it in on behalf of BNSF. Ensuring compliance with the NSA regulations has taken more time than anticipated, so Skamania County is asking for an extension.

The original end date for this project is December 31, 2018. Even with an expedited review of the NSA application Skamania County and BNSF will not likely be able to complete the project by the original scheduled date. Skamania County is requesting an extension date to be moved to December 31, 2019.

Skamania County Engineer,

  
Tim Elsea