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Re: Notice of Intent to Create Blanchard Quiet Zone

Greetings,

The following is a formal Notice of Intent to Create a Quiet Zone in Skagit County. This action is taken under the authority of the "Train Horn Rule" as published in the Federal Register, §222, on April 27, 2005. You have sixty (60) days from the mailing date of this notice to respond with written comments or information. Failure to respond in the allotted time will infer concurrence.

The name of the Quiet Zone shall be the "Blanchard Quiet Zone".

List of Crossings within Blanchard Quiet Zone

| USDOT Crossing ID Number | Street or Highway Name & Number |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 084787G | Colony Road #24000 |
| 084788N | South Blanchard Road #24440 |
| 084789V | Legg Road #20830 |
| 084791W | Legg Road #20830 |

Time Period Restrictions

Train horns will be restricted at the Blanchard Quiet Zone between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am.

Tentative Quiet Zone Improvements

To qualify for Quiet Zone status under FRA standards, a Supplemental Safety Measure (SSM) must be installed in the Quiet Zone. As per the Quiet Zone Calculator available online from the Federal Railroad Administration, Skagit County has tentatively chosen SSM number 12 – "**Mountable medians with Reflective Traffic Channelization Devices.**" This measure would be taken prior to creating the Quiet Zone at the Colony Road crossing, ID # 084787G, only – due to its higher levels of vehicular traffic. All crossings in the Blanchard Quiet Zone currently have Two Quadrant Gates and Lights installed.

Grade Crossing Inventory Forms

A Grade Crossing Inventory Form for each crossing in the Blanchard Quiet Zone has been included.

Point of Contact Information - Skagit County

The following individual is responsible for monitoring compliance with §222:

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Notification List - This Notice of Intent was provided to the following:

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|--------------|---|
| Name | Office of Safety |
| Title | Associate Administrator for Safety |
| Organization | Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) |
| Address | 1120 Vermont Ave NW, Washington, DC 20590 |
| Name | Gus Melonas |
| Title | Director, Public Affairs |
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| Address | 2454 Occidental Ave So, Bldg 1A, Seattle, WA 98134-1451 |
| Name | Ken Uznanski |
| Title | Rail Office Manager |
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| Name | Carole Washburn |
| Title | Executive Secretary |
| Organization | Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission (WUTC) |
| Address | 1300 S Evergreen Park Dr SW, Olympia, WA 98504-7250 |

I hereby certify that the information submitted herein is accurate, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature



Date

3/27/07

W. Eugene Sampley, PE, Director of Public Works, County Engineer

**U.S. DOT - CROSSING INVENTORY INFORMATION
AS OF 3/22/2007**

Crossing No.: **084787G** Update Reason: **Changed Crossing** Effective Begin-Date of Record: **08/17/06**
 Railroad: **BNSFBNSF Rwy Co. [BNSF]** **Current Record**
 Initiating Agency **Railroad** Type and Position: **Public At Grade**

Part I Location and Classification of Crossing

| | | | |
|---|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Division: | NORTHWEST | State: | WA |
| Subdivision: | BELLINGHAM | County: | SKAGIT |
| Branch or Line Name: | PA J-US CAN BDR | City: | Near BURLINGTON |
| Railroad Milepost: | 0080.93 | Street or Road Name: | COLONY RD. |
| RailRoad I.D. No.: | 0050 | Highway Type & No.: | CO24000 |
| Nearest RR Timetable Str: | BOW | HSR Corridor ID: | |
| Parent Railroad: | | County Map Ref. No.: | 29-3 |
| Crossing Owner: | | Latitude: | 48.5844109 |
| ENS Sign Installed: | | Longitude: | -122.4120508 |
| Passenger Service: | AMTRAK | Lat/Long Source: | Actual |
| Avg Passenger Train Count: | 1 | Quiet Zone: | No |
| Adjacent Crossing with Separate Number: | | | |

Private Crossing Information:

| | | | |
|----------------|------------------|---------|---------|
| Category: | Public Access: | | |
| Specify Signs: | Specify Signals: | | |
| ST/RR A | ST/RR B | ST/RR C | ST/RR D |
| Railroad Use: | | | |
| State Use: | | | |
| Narrative: | | | |

Emergency Contact: **(800)832-5452** Railroad Contact: **(913)551-4540** State Contact:

Part II Railroad Information

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|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Number of Daily Train Movements: | Less Than One Movement Per Day: | No |
| Total Trains: 13 Total Switching: 0 | Day Thru: 7 | |
| Typical Speed Range Over Crossing: From 1 to 79 mph | Maximum Time Table Speed: | 79 |
| Type and Number of Tracks: Main: 1 Other 0 | Specify: | |
| Does Another RR Operate a Separate Track at Crossing? | | No |
| Does Another RR Operate Over Your Track at Crossing? | | Yes: ATK |

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Crossing **084787G**

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Effective Begin-Date of Record: **08/17/06**

Current Record

Part III: Traffic Control Device Information

Signs:

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|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Crossbucks: | 2 | Highway Stop Signs: | 0 |
| Advanced Warning: | Yes | Hump Crossing Sign: | |
| Pavement Markings: | No Markings | Other Signs: | 0 Specify: |
| | | | 0 |

Train Activated Devices:

| | | | |
|--|------------|--|--------------------------|
| Gates: | 2 | 4 Quad or Full Barrier: | |
| Mast Mounted FL: | 2 | Total Number FL Pairs: | 0 |
| Cantilevered FL (Over): | 0 | Cantilevered FL (Not over): | 0 |
| Other Flashing Lights: | 0 | Specify Other Flashing Lights: | |
| Highway Traffic Signals: | 0 | Wigwags: | 0 Bells: 1 |
| Other Train Activated Warning Devices: | | Special Warning Devices Not Train Activated: | |
| Channelization: | | Type of Train Detection: | DC/AFO |
| Track Equipped with Train Signals? | Yes | Traffic Light Interconnection/Preemption: | |

Part IV: Physical Characteristics

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|--|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Type of Development: | Open Space | Smallest Crossing Angle: | 60 to 90 Degrees |
| Number of Traffic Lanes Crossing Railroad: | 2 | Are Truck Pullout Lanes Present? | No |
| Is Highway Paved? | Yes | If Other: | |
| Crossing Surface: | Timber | Is it Signalized? | |
| Nearby Intersecting Highway? | N/A | Is Crossing Illuminated? | |
| Does Track Run Down a Street? | No | | |
| Is Commercial Power Available? | Yes | | |

Part V: Highway Information

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Highway System: | Non-Federal-aid | Functional Classification of Road at Crossing: | Rural Local |
| Is Crossing on State Highway System: | No | AADT Year: | 1994 |
| Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT): | 000570 | Avg. No of School Buses per Day: | 0 |
| Estimated Percent Trucks: | 12 | | |
| Posted Highway Speed: | 0 | | |

**U.S. DOT - CROSSING INVENTORY INFORMATION
AS OF 3/22/2007**

Crossing No.: **084789V** Update Reason: **Changed Crossing** Effective Begin-Date of Record: **08/17/06**
 Railroad: **BNSFBNSF Rwy Co. [BNSF]** **Current Record**
 Initiating Agency **Railroad** Type and Position: **Public At Grade**

Part I Location and Classification of Crossing

| | | | |
|---|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Division: | NORTHWEST | State: | WA |
| Subdivision: | BELLINGHAM | County: | SKAGIT |
| Branch or Line Name: | PA J-US CAN BDR | City: | Near BURLINGTON |
| Railroad Milepost: | 0081.41 | Street or Road Name: | SO. LEGG ROAD |
| RailRoad I.D. No.: | 0050 | Highway Type & No.: | CO20830 |
| Nearest RR Timetable Stn: | BOW | HSR Corridor ID: | |
| Parent Railroad: | | County Map Ref. No.: | 29-3 |
| Crossing Owner: | | Latitude: | 48.5906606 |
| ENS Sign Installed: | | Longitude: | -122.4164870 |
| Passenger Service: | AMTRAK | Lat/Long Source: | Actual |
| Avg Passenger Train Count: | 1 | Quiet Zone: | No |
| Adjacent Crossing with Separate Number: | | | |

Private Crossing Information:

| | | | |
|----------------|------------------|---------|---------|
| Category: | Public Access: | | |
| Specify Signs: | Specify Signals: | | |
| ST/RR A | ST/RR B | ST/RR C | ST/RR D |
| Railroad Use: | | | |
| State Use: | | | |
| Narrative: | | | |

Emergency Contact: **(800)832-5452** Railroad Contact: **(913)551-4540** State Contact:

Part II Railroad Information

| | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of Daily Train Movements: | Less Than One Movement Per Day: | No |
| Total Trains: 13 Total Switching: 0 | Day Thru: 7 | |
| Typical Speed Range Over Crossing: From 1 to 79 mph | Maximum Time Table Speed: 79 | |
| Type and Number of Tracks: Main: 1 Other: 0 | Specify: | |
| Does Another RR Operate a Separate Track at Crossing? No | | |
| Does Another RR Operate Over Your Track at Crossing? Yes: ATK | | |

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Crossing **084789V**

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Effective Begin-Date of Record: **08/17/06**

Current Record

Part III: Traffic Control Device Information

Signs:

| | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Crossbucks: | 2 | Highway Stop Signs: | 0 |
| Advanced Warning: | Yes | Hump Crossing Sign: | |
| Pavement Markings: | No Markings | Other Signs: | 0 Specify: 0 |

Train Activated Devices:

| | | | |
|--|------------|--|--------------------------|
| Gates: | 2 | 4 Quad or Full Barrier: | |
| Mast Mounted FL: | 2 | Total Number FL Pairs: | 0 |
| Cantilevered FL (Over): | 2 | Cantilevered FL (Not over): | 0 |
| Other Flashing Lights: | 0 | Specify Other Flashing Lights: | |
| Highway Traffic Signals: | 0 | Wigwags: | 0 Bells: 1 |
| Other Train Activated Warning Devices: | | Special Warning Devices Not Train Activated: | |
| Channelization: | | Type of Train Detection: | DC/AFO |
| Track Equipped with Train Signals? | Yes | Traffic Light Interconnection/Preemption: | |

Part IV: Physical Characteristics

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|--|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Type of Development: | Open Space | Smallest Crossing Angle: | 30 to 59 Degrees |
| Number of Traffic Lanes Crossing Railroad: | 2 | Are Truck Pullout Lanes Present? | No |
| Is Highway Paved? | Yes | If Other: | |
| Crossing Surface: | Timber | Is it Signalized? | |
| Nearby Intersecting Highway? | N/A | Is Crossing Illuminated? | |
| Does Track Run Down a Street? | No | | |
| Is Commercial Power Available? | Yes | | |

Part V: Highway Information

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Highway System: | Non-Federal-aid | Functional Classification of Road at Crossing: | Rural Local |
| Is Crossing on State Highway System: | No | AAAT Year: | 1994 |
| Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT): | 000193 | Avg. No of School Buses per Day: | 0 |
| Estimated Percent Trucks: | 05 | | |
| Posted Highway Speed: | 0 | | |

**U.S. DOT - CROSSING INVENTORY INFORMATION
AS OF 3/22/2007**

Crossing No.: **084791W** Update Reason: **Changed Crossing** Effective Begin-Date of Record: **08/17/06**
 Railroad: **BNSFBNSF Rwy Co. [BNSF]** **Current Record**
 Initiating Agency **Railroad** Type and Position: **Public At Grade**

Part I Location and Classification of Crossing

| | | | |
|---|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Division: | NORTHWEST | State: | WA |
| Subdivision: | BELLINGHAM | County: | SKAGIT |
| Branch or Line Name: | PA J-US CAN BDR | City: | Near BURLINGTON |
| Railroad Milepost: | 0081.83 | Street or Road Name: | NO. LEGG RD |
| Railroad I.D. No.: | 0050 | Highway Type & No.: | CO20830 |
| Nearest RR Timetable Stn: | BOW | HSR Corridor ID: | |
| Parent Railroad: | | County Map Ref. No.: | 29-3 |
| Crossing Owner: | | Latitude: | 48.5960391 |
| ENS Sign Installed: | | Longitude: | -122.4203009 |
| Passenger Service: | AMTRAK | Lat/Long Source: | Actual |
| Avg Passenger Train Count: | 1 | Quiet Zone: | No |
| Adjacent Crossing with Separate Number: | | | |

Private Crossing Information:

| | | | |
|----------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| Category: | Public Access: | | |
| Specify Signs: | Specify Signs: | | |
| ST/RR A | ST/RR B | ST/RR C | ST/RR D |
| Railroad Use: | | | |
| State Use: | | | |
| Narrative: | | | |

Emergency Contact: **(800)832-5452** Railroad Contact: **(913)551-4540** State Contact:

Part II Railroad Information

| | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of Daily Train Movements: | Less Than One Movement Per Day: | No |
| Total Trains: 13 Total Switching: 0 | Day Thru: 7 | |
| Typical Speed Range Over Crossing: From 1 to 79 mph | Maximum Time Table Speed: 79 | |
| Type and Number of Tracks: Main: 1 Other 0 | Specify: | |
| Does Another RR Operate a Separate Track at Crossing? No | | |
| Does Another RR Operate Over Your Track at Crossing? Yes: ATK | | |

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Crossing **084791W**

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Effective Begin-Date of Record: **08/17/06**

Current Record

Part III: Traffic Control Device Information

Signs:

| | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Crossbucks: | 2 | Highway Stop Signs: | 0 |
| Advanced Warning: | Yes | Hump Crossing Sign: | |
| Pavement Markings: | No Markings | Other Signs: | 0 Specify: 0 |

Train Activated Devices:

| | | | |
|--|------------|--|--------------------------|
| Gates: | 2 | 4 Quad or Full Barrier: | |
| Mast Mounted FL: | 2 | Total Number FL Pairs: | 0 |
| Cantilevered FL (Over): | 0 | Cantilevered FL (Not over): | 0 |
| Other Flashing Lights: | 0 | Specify Other Flashing Lights: | |
| Highway Traffic Signals: | 0 | Wigwags: | 0 Bells: 1 |
| Other Train Activated Warning Devices: | | Special Warning Devices Not Train Activated: | |
| Channelization: | | Type of Train Detection: | DC/AFO |
| Track Equipped with Train Signals? | Yes | Traffic Light Interconnection/Preemption: | |

Part IV: Physical Characteristics

| | | | |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Type of Development: | Residential | Smallest Crossing Angle: | 60 to 90 Degrees |
| Number of Traffic Lanes Crossing Railroad: | 2 | Are Truck Pullout Lanes Present? | No |
| Is Highway Paved? | Yes | If Other: | |
| Crossing Surface: | Timber | Is it Signalized? | |
| Nearby Intersecting Highway? | N/A | Is Crossing Illuminated? | |
| Does Track Run Down a Street? | No | | |
| Is Commercial Power Available? | Yes | | |

Part V: Highway Information

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Highway System: | Non-Federal-aid | Functional Classification of Road at Crossing: | Rural Local |
| Is Crossing on State Highway System: | No | AADT Year: | 1994 |
| Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT): | 000162 | Avg. No of School Buses per Day: | 0 |
| Estimated Percent Trucks: | 05 | | |
| Posted Highway Speed: | 0 | | |

**U.S. DOT - CROSSING INVENTORY INFORMATION
AS OF 3/22/2007**

Crossing No.: **084788N** Update Reason: **Changed Crossing** Effective Begin-Date of Record: **08/17/06**
 Railroad: **BNSFBNSF Rwy Co. [BNSF]** **Current Record**
 Initiating Agency **Railroad** Type and Position: **Public At Grade**

Part I Location and Classification of Crossing

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|---|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Division: | NORTHWEST | State: | WA |
| Subdivision: | BELLINGHAM | County: | SKAGIT |
| Branch or Line Name: | PA J-US CAN BDR | City: | Near BURLINGTON |
| Railroad Milepost: | 0081.21 | Street or Road Name: | S BLANCHARD RD |
| RailRoad I.D. No.: | 0050 | Highway Type & No.: | CO22440 |
| Nearest RR Timetable Stn: | BOW | HSR Corridor ID: | |
| Parent Railroad: | | County Map Ref. No.: | 29-3 |
| Crossing Owner: | | Latitude: | 48.5881325 |
| ENS Sign Installed: | | Longitude: | -122.4146972 |
| Passenger Service: | AMTRAK | Lat/Long Source: | Actual |
| Avg Passenger Train Count: | 1 | Quiet Zone: | No |
| Adjacent Crossing with Separate Number: | | | |

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| Specify Signs: | Specify Signals: | | |
| ST/RR A | ST/RR B | ST/RR C | ST/RR D |
| Railroad Use: | | | |
| State Use: | | | |
| Narrative: | | | |

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Part II Railroad Information

| | | |
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| Total Trains: 13 Total Switching: 0 | Day Thru: 7 | |
| Typical Speed Range Over Crossing: From 1 to 79 mph | Maximum Time Table Speed: 79 | |
| Type and Number of Tracks: Main: 1 Other: 0 | Specify: | |
| Does Another RR Operate a Separate Track at Crossing? No | | |
| Does Another RR Operate Over Your Track at Crossing? Yes: ATK | | |

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Crossing **084788N**

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Effective Begin-Date of Record: **08/17/06**

Current Record

Part III: Traffic Control Device Information

Signs:

| | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Crossbucks: | 2 | Highway Stop Signs: | 0 |
| Advanced Warning: | Yes | Hump Crossing Sign: | |
| Pavement Markings: | No Markings | Other Signs: | 0 Specify: 0 |

Train Activated Devices:

| | | | |
|--|------------|--|--------------------------|
| Gates: | 2 | 4 Quad or Full Barrier: | |
| Mast Mounted FL: | 2 | Total Number FL Pairs: | 0 |
| Cantilevered FL (Over): | 0 | Cantilevered FL (Not over): | 0 |
| Other Flashing Lights: | 0 | Specify Other Flashing Lights: | |
| Highway Traffic Signals: | 0 | Wigwags: | 0 Bells: 1 |
| Other Train Activated Warning Devices: | | Special Warning Devices Not Train Activated: | |
| Channelization: | | Type of Train Detection: | DC/AFO |
| Track Equipped with Train Signals? | Yes | Traffic Light Interconnection/Preemption: | |

Part IV: Physical Characteristics

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|--|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Type of Development: | Open Space | Smallest Crossing Angle: | 60 to 90 Degrees |
| Number of Traffic Lanes Crossing Railroad: | 1 | Are Truck Pullout Lanes Present? | No |
| Is Highway Paved? | Yes | If Other: | |
| Crossing Surface: | Timber | Is it Signalized? | |
| Nearby Intersecting Highway? | N/A | Is Crossing Illuminated? | |
| Does Track Run Down a Street? | No | | |
| Is Commercial Power Available? | Yes | | |

Part V: Highway Information

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Highway System: | Non-Federal-aid | Functional Classification of Road at Crossing: | Rural Local |
| Is Crossing on State Highway System: | No | AADT Year: | 1994 |
| Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT): | 000023 | Avg. No of School Buses per Day: | 0 |
| Estimated Percent Trucks: | 00 | | |
| Posted Highway Speed: | 0 | | |