

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	)	DOCKET NO. TR-
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Petitioner,	)	PETITION TO CHANGE A PRIVATE
	)	CROSSING TO A PUBLIC CROSSING
vs.	)	
	)	
BNSF Railway Company	)	USDOT Crossing No.
	)	
Respondent.	)	
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The Petitioner asks the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to approve the change of classification of a highway railroad grade crossing from private to public.

1. Petitioner's Information:

Petitioner: Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission  
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Signature of Petitioner: Steve Hahn

Title: CANDS PRG. MGR Date: 6/23/08

2. Crossing Location:

Name of highway, street or road: Beacon Rock State Park day use access road

Name of operating railroad company: BNSF Railway Company

UTC Crossing No.: N/A

DOT No.: 924-631E

**3. Crossing Traffic:**

Type of public road at the crossing  State  County  City  State Park  
The crossing is not located on a road.

Average daily vehicle traffic over the tracks: During the peak operating season between May and September the vehicle count would be between 100 and 500 per day. During the winter months the number is negligible.

Vehicle speed limit: 15 MPH

Average daily pedestrian traffic over tracks: During summer months, approximately 200 pedestrians will use this crossing daily to access the rock climbing areas within the park. Pedestrian traffic is lower during other times of the year. Also, local residents walk along the tracks and may use this crossing.

Type of railroad at crossing:  Common carrier  Logging  Industrial

Type of tracks at crossing:  Main line  Branch line  Spur

Number of tracks at crossing: 1

Average daily freight train traffic: 50

Freight train speed: 70 mph

(Note: Round trip counts as two trains. Include switch movements.)

Average daily passenger train traffic: 1

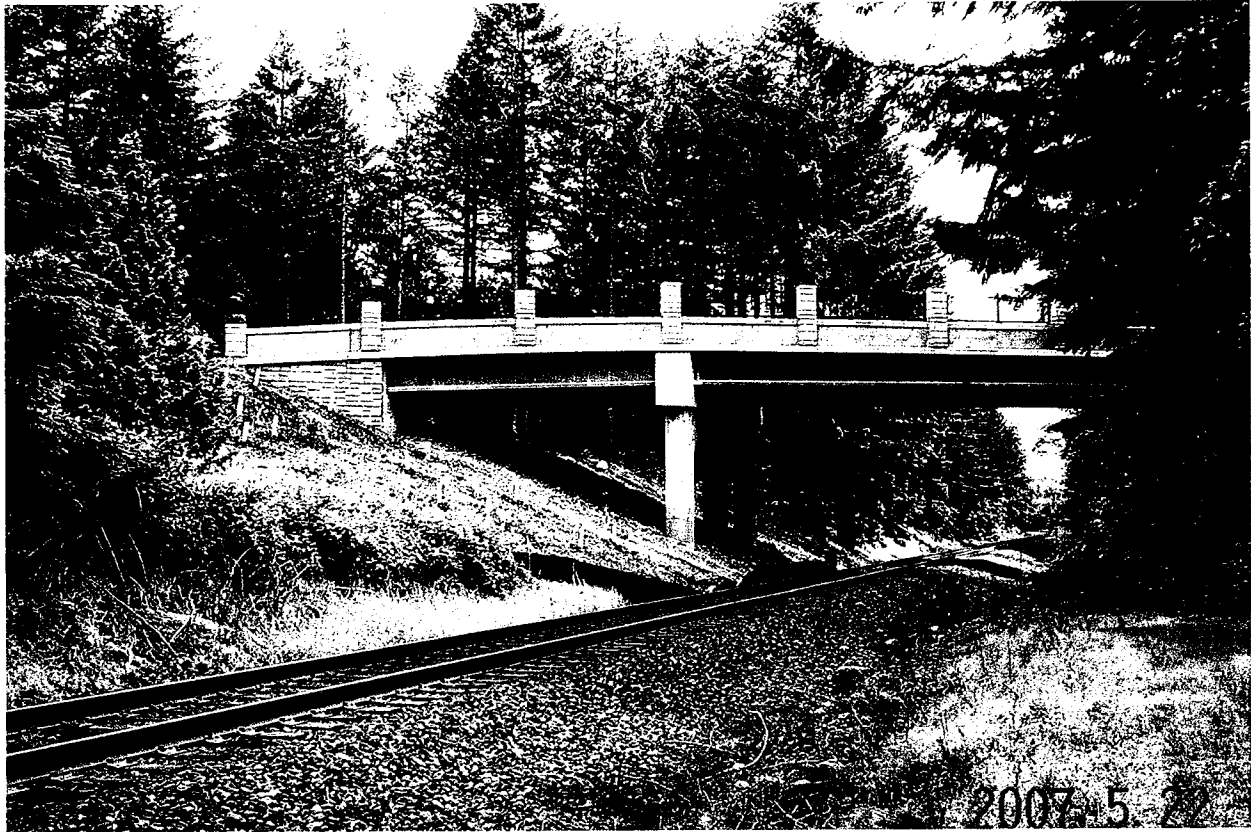
Passenger train speed: 70 mph

**4. Description of warning devices at the crossing:** Washington State Parks built a new bridge over the tracks at this location.

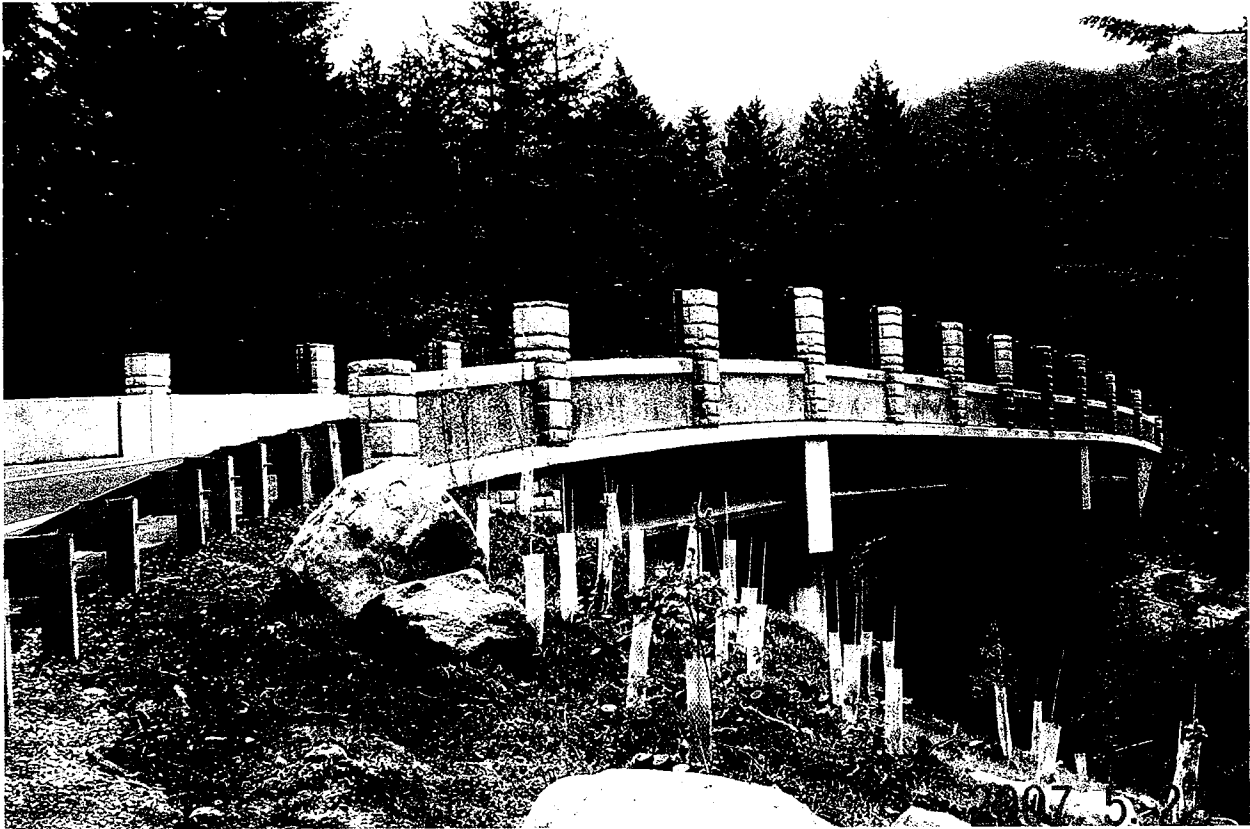
**5. Describe in detail why you want to change the designation of the crossing from private to public.**

Beacon Rock State Park is located near Skamania, Washington. The park is a popular camping, river access and day use area and is within the Columbia Gorge Scenic Area.

6. **Supporting documentation.** Include additional comments or attach documentation, sketches or photographs in support the petition.



New crossing viewing east



Viewing south at the crossing on the north side of the tracks towards day use area.



Viewing south at the new bridge deck.

**WAIVER OF HEARING BY RESPONDENT**

**Waiver of Hearing**

USDOT Crossing No. 910066M

UTC Crossing No. N/A

The undersigned represents the Respondent in the change of the classification of the crossing from private to public, as described by the Petitioner in this docket. We agree that the classification of the crossing should be changed from private to public and consent to a decision by the commission without a hearing.

*Washington state Parks owns and maintains the bridge per the Construction and Maintenance Agreement with BNSF.*

Dated at Seattle, Washington, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2008

John Li

Printed name of Respondent

*John*

Signature of Respondent's Representative

Manager, Public Projects.

Title