

Rail Accident Inspection Form

Docket No: TR-131537

Current Date: 1/8/2014

Railroad Owning Track: BNSF Railway

Railroad Operating on Track: BNSF Railway

FRA Investigation: Yes No

Inspector: Bob Boston

I. Type of Accident

Public Crossing Private Crossing Trestle Pedestrian at Crossing
 Pedestrian Not at Crossing Other (explain)

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 close
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 2-12-14*

II. Time and Location of Accident

Date 8/19/2013 Time 1450
 USDOT Crossing No. _____ WUTC Crossing No. _____
 Railroad Milepost 37.6x GPS Identifier: Lat: 47.230754 Long: -122.391609
 Number of Tracks: 2 City: Tacoma
 Road name, yard name, bridge identifier: Seattle Sub County: Pierce
 Company responsible for track maintenance: BNSF Railway
 Other railroad involved in train accident/incident: _____

III. Conditions Surrounding the Accident

Weather: Clear to cloudy Fog Rain Snow
 Road Condition: Dry Wet Snow Ice
 Visibility Due to Weather: Daylight Darkness Unknown
 Adequate Sight Distance: Yes No N/A Train Speed: 30 mph
 Describe: Rounding curve to straight track
 Train Type: Freight Passenger Locomotive only Cars only Tilt train
 Remote Control: Yes No N/A Haz-Mat on Train: Yes No N/A
 Type of Haz-Mat: _____

IV. Pedestrian, Driver, or Passenger Fatalities Does this section apply? Yes No

Number of people killed 1 If a vehicle accident, number of passengers _____
 Name: Eric Scott Smallidge
 Driver: Passenger Pedestrian Age 30 Gender: Male Female
 Pedestrian trying to get on/off train? Yes No Suicide: Yes No Undetermined
 Alcohol: Yes No Undetermined Information supplied by: WSP Toxicology
 Drugs: Yes No Undetermined Information supplied by: WSP Toxicology
 Names of additional fatalities: _____

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V. Pedestrian, Driver, or Passenger Injuries

Does this section apply? Yes No

Number of people injured _____

If a vehicle accident, number of passengers _____

Name: _____

Driver: Passenger Pedestrian

Age _____ Gender: Male Female

Pedestrian trying to get on/off train? Yes No

Drugs: Yes No Undetermined

Alcohol: Yes No Undetermined

Names of additional injured persons:

VI. Pedestrian Access

Does this section apply? Yes No

Obvious signs of consistent pedestrian trespass? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

Pedestrian (not at a crossing) information: Accessing public area? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

Deterrents at site, e.g. fence, signs, etc? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

Previous collisions at or near site? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

VII. Crossing History

Does this section apply? Yes No

Prior accidents at this crossing? Yes No

How many?

Dates of prior accidents: _____

Description of prior accidents (e.g., fatalities, injuries, property damage) _____

Last inspection date? _____

Defects? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

Required to attach most current inventory? Yes No

VIII. Attachments

Railroad incident report? Yes No

Local law enforcement report? Yes No

Coroner/medical examiner report? Yes No

Pictures? Yes No

Other (describe):

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IX. Comments

On August 19, 2013, BNSF freight train C-SXMRBE2-29 struck and fatally injured Eric Smallidge, age 30, two miles north of Tacoma in Pierce County. The train was traveling northbound on main track 2. The train crew reported that Mr. Smallidge was lying across the rails at milepost 37.6x on the BNSF Seattle Subdivision. Emergency brakes were applied, but the train was not able to stop in time to avoid a collision.

The Pierce County Sheriff's Department and Medical Examiner's Office declined to release investigation records on this incident due to an active investigation related to this case. The medical examiner did release a post mortem examination report Redacted per RCW 68.50.105

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FROM FORM FRA F 6180.55A

CASUALTY RECORD			
RAILROAD:	BNSF Rwy Co. [BNSF]	INCIDENT NUMBER:	NW0813106
DATE:	08 /19 /2013	TIME:	3:00PM
STATE:	Washington	COUNTY:	PIERCE
TYPE PERSON:	Trespassers	AGE:	30
INJURY:	Fatality		

EMPLOYEES TESTED FOR ALCOHOL USE:	NONE REPORTED
NUMBER OF POSITIVE TESTS:	
EMPLOYEES TESTED FOR DRUG USE:	NONE REPORTED
NUMBER OF POSITIVE TESTS:	
EMPLOYEE TERMINATION/PERMANENT TRANSFER:	UNK/NA
EXPOSURE TO HAZARDOUS MATERIAL:	UNK/NA
FRA FORM 6180-54 FILED:	NO
FRA FORM 6180-57 FILED:	NO

CIRCUMSTANCES	
PHYSICAL ACT:	Laying
EVENT:	Struck by on-track equipment
RESULT:	Ground
CAUSE:	Trespassing
LOCATION	
SITE:	Main/branch
ON TRK EQP:	Freight train - moving
WHERE:	On track
NARRATIVE:	

BNSF Fort Worth - Network Operations Center - INCIDENT REPORT

Date: 08-19-13				Time: 1650-CT		MP: 37.6X		D-Code: 38L512	
Time & Date Last Revised:				Divn: Northwest					
Subdivision: Seattle			State: Washington		County: Pierce				
Line Segment:				51					
Nearest Station (distance/direction from):				TR Jct					
Nearest Major Terminal (distance/direction):				2 miles north of Tacoma					
Weather Conditions (wind, precip, temp):				76* Clear, 6 Mph Northwest gusting to 11 Mph					

Injuries or Fatalities?	Fatality to trespasser	Employee?	NO
Name:		Craft:	

Symbol:	C-SXMRBE2-29	If Yard Job, is it Remote Control Operation (RCO)?	
Lead Locos:	BNSF 8925 - BNSF 9605	L-E-T-F:	125-0-17875-6931'
DP Locos:	BNSF 9177 - BNSF 6333	Direction:	North
Did Lead locomotive have Ditch Lites?	Yes	Were Ditch Lites operating?	Yes
Speed:	PENDING	Maximum Authorized Speed:	30MPH
Train Crew's Origin / Destination:		Vancouver, WA / Interbay, WA	
Conductor:	DR Thompson	Engineer:	BD Johnson
Prior Rest		Prior Rest	
On Duty Time/Date:	0800-PT/19	On Duty Location:	Vancouver, WA
Crew Interviewed by:	Trainmaster Chris Caperton		
Event Recorder/Camera:	Camera and Event Recorders by Seattle Interbay Mechanical		

Locomotives video equipped?									
	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y
BNSF 8925	Y		BNSF 9605	Y					
BNSF 9177	Y		BNSF 6333	Y					

Crossing Name:	Not at a crossing	DOT Number:	
Equipped with:		Functioning?	
Vehicle Direction:		Vehicle Description:	
Law Enforcement Agency:	Tacoma Police Department	Citations ?	

Haz Material ?	No	Release (Y/N):		# Cars, Amount:	
Commodity:					

Derailed Locomotives / Cars:				
Init. Number:	Line:	Position (upright?):	Contents:	Disposition:
None				

Heavy equipment ordered:				
Equip. ETA:		Equipment Arrived:		Equipment Released:
Main Blocked?	Main Track 2	Estimated Reopen:	2000-CT/19	Actual Reopen: 1939-CT/19

Estimated Damages and Costs:			
\$	0	Track	Track, Track Structures, and Roadbed Damages.
\$	0	Signal	
\$	0	"Other"	Adjacent buildings, other private property, etc.
\$	0	Car Damages	Car damage, incl. flat cars but excluding their trailers/containers and contents.
\$	0	Locomotive Damages	
\$	0	FRA Reportable Subtotal	2013 FRA Reportable \$9,900

\$	0	Contractor Expense	Rerailing & clearing expenses only. Do not include environmental cleanup, air monitoring, etc.
\$	0	Estimated Lading Recovery Costs	Source is usually Damage Prevention/LARS. This figure includes trucking charges and site remediation charges.

\$	0	Prelim. Lading Loss Estimates	Railcar/Trailer/Container Contents ONLY
	0	Trailer/Container Damages	Excludes contents. (Mktg-Equip Mtce Team - Evita Murdock)
\$	0	Not FRA Reportable Subtotal	
\$	0	Estimated Grand Total	(FRA Reportable Subtotal + Not FRA Reportable Subtotal)

Cause Code:	M505	Description:	Cause under active investigation.
Cause: Which Car / Locomotive, etc.?			
Brief Narrative of Incident:			
C-SXMRBE2-29 reports striking trespasser laying across track. Crew will be relieved by switch crew. Impact is delay to sounders blocking TR JCT.			
Post Accident Testing (FRA):			
Did this incident meet FRA Post Accident Testing criteria?		NO	
If the incident analysis indicates the need for FRA Testing, Contact MEH Dept so they can work with the field officer in charge of the testing to insure proper process is followed. (817) 352-1648 during normal business hours. (817) 352-1613 After hours, weekends and holidays. If no answer, then page Martin Crespin or Chris Kowalkowski via Blackberry.			
Did the AGST agree with the above analysis?			
Was the Mgr. Dispatching Practices and Rules notified?			
Was the Shipping Box checked prior to use/shipment?			
Were the vials checked to insure they have not expired?			
Was the train crew tested?		Which BNSF Mgr took crew for test?	
Was the Dispatcher tested?		Which BNSF Mgr took Dispr for test?	

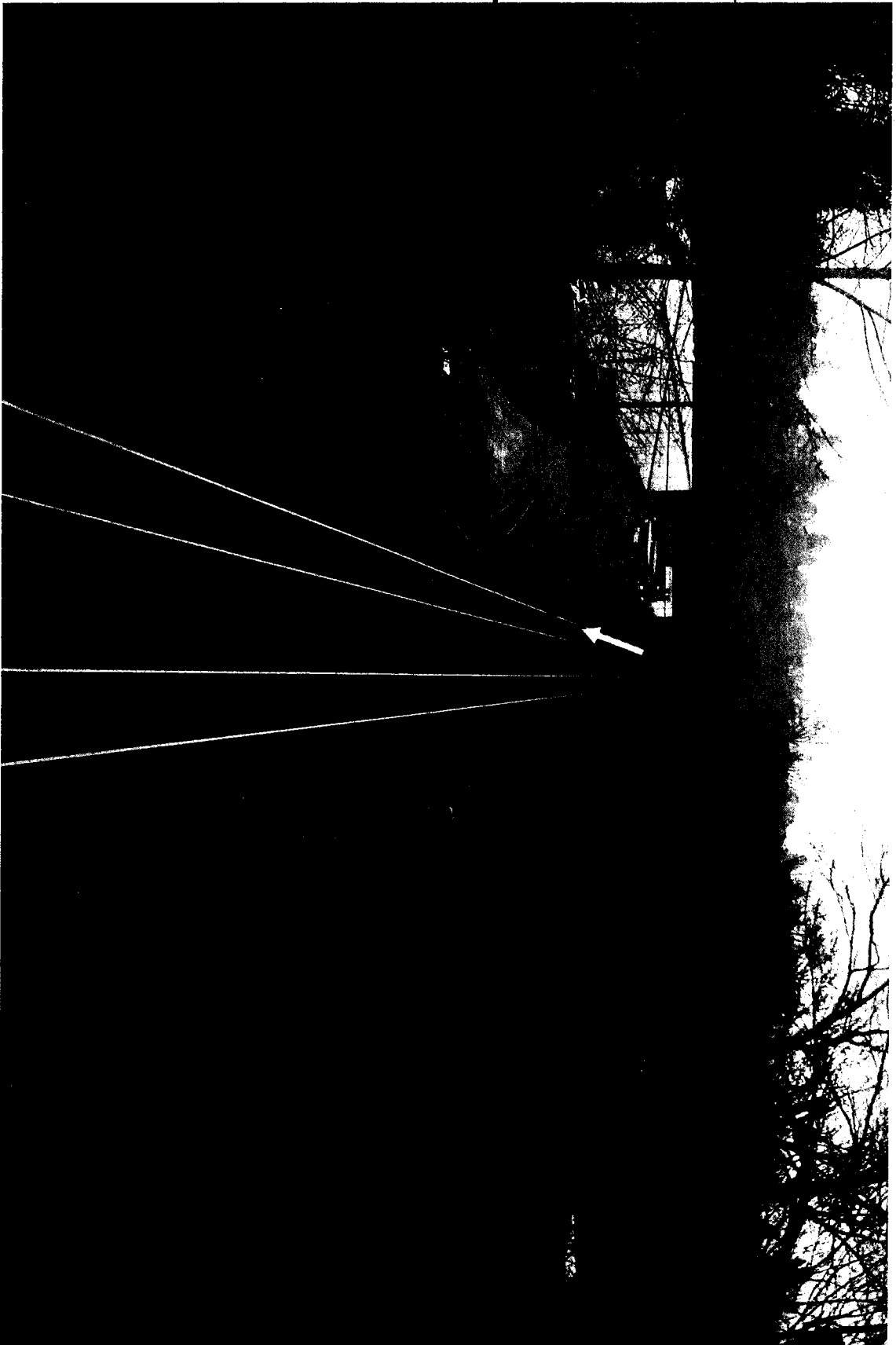
Notifications:																											
Time:	Entity:	Person Notified:	Reminders:																								
1703-CT/19	Service Interruption:	KJB by ROCC Nathan	Include who notified SID.																								
1655-CT/19	Resource Operations:	by DS75 - Centralia North																									
1717-CT/19	Cust. Solutions: 593-4670 Outlook Mail: Desk, CNS Cust. Support: 593-4612 Outlook Mail: CSESDesk	Email/Page	Notify them of all derailments, collisions, or shipment damages. Cust Support works 5pm-5am on weekdays and all shifts weekends.																								
1715-CT/19	Trainmaster:	Chris Caperton. ETA: 1730-CT	Get ETA, check Cell number.																								
1715-CT/19	Road Foreman Engines:	Brian Bocchi. ETA: 2030-CT																									
1845-CT/19	Signal Desk: 593 - 5998	Jeff - notified by others.	Signal Logs, TWD Logs.																								
1715-CT/19	M/W Desk: 593-6823/1	Bob	Last track inspn, last B-9 inspn.																								
1715-CT/19	Mechanical Desk:	Ron	Emergency car desk 593-9128																								
1710-CT/19	Corridor Supt:	TC Simmons by Chief Dispatcher Lee Walsh.																									
1715-CT/19	GST/AGST:	Blair Wade																									
1710-CT/19	Divn Supt Operations:	Ben Marx by Chief Dispatcher Lee Walsh.																									
YES	Divn General Manager:	Daryl Ness - copy of this report.																									
YES	Divn GDT:	Robert Stender - copy of this report.																									
1850-CT/19	Severe Injury/Fatality:	Email / Page and copy of this report.	Blackberry Page the following asap: <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Ringelman, Ryan</td> <td>Law</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dachniwsky, Orest</td> <td>Law</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wilde, Kevin</td> <td>Safety</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Weber, James K</td> <td>Safety</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Weber, Eric</td> <td>Safety</td> </tr> </table>	Ringelman, Ryan	Law	Dachniwsky, Orest	Law	Wilde, Kevin	Safety	Weber, James K	Safety	Weber, Eric	Safety														
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1851-CT/19	Manager Dispatching Practices & Rules: 352-1312	Mike	Tape recordings, including SID and ROC, when appropriate.																								
YES	Superintendent Operating Practices (All have Blackberry)	Michael Rogers - copy of this report.	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>California, L.A.</td> <td>Coleman, Herbert T</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chicago</td> <td>Wazny, William A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Colorado</td> <td>Kreger, Larry P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gulf, Texas</td> <td>Cleveland, Scott M</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kansas</td> <td>Valencia, Randy J</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Montana</td> <td>Mizelle, Nicholas O</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nebraska</td> <td>Harvey, Michael A.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Northwest</td> <td>Rogers, Michael S</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Powder River</td> <td>Erickson, Tony A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Southwest</td> <td>Sizemore, Boyd B</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Springfield</td> <td>Ferris, Ed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Twin Cities</td> <td>Lund, Michael E</td> </tr> </table>	California, L.A.	Coleman, Herbert T	Chicago	Wazny, William A	Colorado	Kreger, Larry P	Gulf, Texas	Cleveland, Scott M	Kansas	Valencia, Randy J	Montana	Mizelle, Nicholas O	Nebraska	Harvey, Michael A.	Northwest	Rogers, Michael S	Powder River	Erickson, Tony A	Southwest	Sizemore, Boyd B	Springfield	Ferris, Ed	Twin Cities	Lund, Michael E
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N/A	Bodeman, Dan E General Director Rules and Field Support		Blackberry in the event of: (1) Major derailments incl employee injury and/or HazMat evacuation. (2) HazMat if evacuation. (3) Run-Away Equip if damages, derailment, fatality, or possible rules violation. (4) Threat of Violence incl Bomb Threats (5) Threat of Terrorist Attacks [vms, also] (6) Commuter Train-Report of Explosion or Discovery of Explosive Device [vms, also] (7) Employee injury. (8) Collision
N/A	Rogerson, David L Gen. Dir. Transp. Support (Blackberry) Jones, Douglas - AVP Safety Siegele, Milton AVP Labor Relations		Blackberry in the event of: Major Derailments, Major Hazardous Incidents, Employee Injuries & Employee Fatalities Collisions
NO	Conference Calls:		If Conf Call is being established: (1) Notify: NOC Mechanical Desk (2) Notify: NOC M/W Desk (3) Notify: ROC
NO	Hazardous Incidents: <i>If California, notify CUPA.</i>		Blackberry for all Hazardous Incidents: Pat Brady, Piper, Justin, Reid, Clay D, Howard Horn, Ed Chapman, David C Clark, John D. Lovenburg, W Brock Lowman, Allen Stegman, Laura Fiffick
N/A	ChemTrec (USA) 800-424-9300 CanuTec (Canada) 613-996-6666		Call whenever Haz Mat car involved in derailment or damaged; whether leaking or not. Run TSS: WBCOPY & HAZ & EXCR
NO	NRIS (72) 800-424-9302 <i>(Central SID Analysts)</i> Reasons for notifying them not include for significant violence or threats of violence against people or property (44-92-01)	Not reportable.	Obtain their Report Number and Name of person who took the report. <i>This block is for the initial SID analysis. If initially "not reportable" and later becomes "reportable," use next block.</i>
1855-CT/19	State: California - CUPA Foreign Railroad:	Washington Emergency Operations - Ted. Incident Number: 13-3042	
	"Go Team" 1. Alpha Page Mark Schulze. 2. Alpha Page team on duty.		Contact the "Team" that's on duty. If approp., also notify Mark Schulze. (To see Team on duty, go to n/SID/SIDBOTH/GOTEAM).
YES	Rules & Field Support:	Copy of this report.	Blackberry Page the following in event of any service interruption that involves derailment, employee fatality: Adams, Douglas R Mullen, Phillip M Palacios, John J Portz, James L Ratledge, Aaron Repola, Robert E Weber, Eric Weber, James K Wilde, Kevin D.
1800-CT/19	Passenger Svcs: 352-2606	Cindy - already notified by others.	If incident involves passenger train route, Blackberry to: Rich Wessler, Rick Depler.
YES	Corporate Relations:	Gus Melonas - copy of this report. Steve Forsberg - copy of this report.	Notify of all significant Incidents: Melonas: BC, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY Faust: AL, AR, LA, MS, NM, OK, TN, TX Kent: AZ, CA, NV, UT McBeth: IA, KY, MB, MN, ND, SD, WI Williams: CO, KS, MO, NE, IL Forsberg: ALL

N/A	Government Affairs:		Blackberry: OPR DL GOVT AFFAIRS for the following: Derailments with release of TIH/PIH Significant incidents in Metropolitan areas. Train collisions with explosion Incidents involving passenger trains Hazardous incident with evacuations
YES	Claims	Greg Beam - notified by ROCC and copy of this report.	

Train direction

Incident location



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