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September 22, 2014

Office of Safety
Attn: Associate Administrator for Safety
Federal Railroad Administration
1120 Vermont Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20590

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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 Washington. This action is taken under the authority of the "Train Horn Rule" as published in the Federal Register, (49 CFR Part 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 "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 implemented prior to creating the Quiet Zone at the

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

Signature _____ (See Signature Page Attached)

Signed this 22 day of September, 2014.

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Attest:

Linda Hanman

Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form:

[Signature] 8/6/14
Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney