



Rail Incident Investigation Report

Docket No: TR-		Report Date:	
Railroad Owning Track:		Railroad Operating on Track:	
FRA Investigation: Yes No		Inspector:	
I. Type of Accident			
Public Crossing	Private Crossing	Trestle	Pedestrian at Crossing
Pedestrian Not at Crossing	Other (explain)		
II. Time and Location of Accident			
Date:		Time:	
USDOT Crossing No.:		UTC Crossing No.:	
Railroad Milepost:		GPS Identifier: Lat:	Lon:
Number of Tracks:		City:	County:
Road name, yard name, bridge:			
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
Train Type: Freight	Passenger	Locomotive only	Cars only
Train Speed:			
Haz-Mat on Train: Yes	No	N/A	Remote Control: Yes No N/A
Type of Haz-Mat:			
IV. Pedestrian, Driver, or Passenger Fatalities			
Does this section apply?		Yes No	
Number of Fatalities:		If a vehicle accident, number of passengers:	
Name:			
Driver:	Passenger	Pedestrian	Age: Gender: Male Female non-binary
Pedestrian trying to get on/off train? Yes		No	Suicide: Yes No Undetermined
Alcohol: Yes	No	Undetermined	Information supplied by:
Drugs: Yes	No	Undetermined	Information supplied by:
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 non-binary

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 (not at a Crossing)

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, other? 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 (fatalities, injuries, property damage)

Last inspection date?

Defects? Yes No If yes, describe:

VIII. Attachments

Railroad incident report? Yes No Local law enforcement report? Yes No

Coroner/medical examiner report? Yes No Pictures? Yes No

Death Certificate? Yes No Copy of most current inventory? Yes No

Other (describe):

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IX. Comments

Event Summary:

Site Description:

Inspector Recommendations:

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Rail Safety Supervisor Comments/Sign Off:

Director of Transportation Safety Comments/Sign Off:



Imagery ©2020 Maxar Technologies, USDA Farm Service Agency, Map data ©2020 100 ft

Measure distance
Total distance: 600.77 ft (183.11 m)

From: [Service Interruption Desk](#)
To: [OPR DL \(SI Desk Use ONLY\) North Region Incident](#); [OPR DL NOC GDT](#); [Nowels, Clinton T](#); [Tycksen, Michael E](#); [Morehouse, Craig](#); [Moyer, Jason](#); [Clark, Daniel P](#); [Zerfas, Tobin A](#); [Huston, Scott T](#); [WUTC Rail Reporting \(UTC\)](#); [Halstead, Lori \(UTC\)](#)
Cc: [Service Interruption Desk](#)
Subject: 111919 - STACSTP117B - Train-Trespasser
Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 7:28:48 AM

BNSF Fort Worth – Network Operations Center – INCIDENT REPORT

				D-Code:	19K646
Date:	11-19-2019	Time:	0347CT	MP:	64.88
				Divn:	Northwest
Time & Date Last Revised:					
Subdivision:	Lakeside	State:	WA	County:	Adams
Line Segment:			46		
Nearest Station:			Ritzville		
Nearest Major Terminal (distance/direction):			Pasco - 73 Miles West		
Weather Conditions (Temp, wind, precipitation):			43° - Wind, SSW @11 mph		

Injuries or Fatalities?	Yes - 01 Trespasser - Fatal Injuries	Employee?	
Name:		Craft:	

Symbol:	S TACSTP1 17B	If Yard Job, is it Remote Control Operation?		
Lead Locos:	BNSF 4059 - BNSF 6899 - BNSF 7399		L-E-T-F:	71-0-6806-6404
DP Locos:		Direction:	East	
Conductor:	DE Sluder JR	Engineer:	TC Morrison	
Prior Rest		Prior Rest		
On Duty Time/Date:	2345CT / 11-18-2019	Origin/Destination:	HYD/PAS	
Crew Interviewed by:	DTM Clinton Nowels			
Event Recorder/Camera:	RFE Michael Tycksen			

Locomotives video equipped?										
Lead Locos	Y/N		Y/N		Y/N		Y/N		Y/N	Y/N
BNSF 4059	Y	BNSF 6899	Y	BNSF 7399	Y					

Crossing Name:	Not at a Crossing	DOT:	
Equipped with:		Functioning?	
Vehicle Direction:		Vehicle Description:	
Law Enforcement Agency:		Citations?	

Haz Material ?		Release (Y/N):		# Cars, Amount:	
Commodity:					

Derailed Locomotives / Cars:				
Init. Number:	Line:	Position (upright?):	Contents:	Disposition:

Heavy equipment ordered:				
Equip. ETA:		Equipment Arrived:		Equipment Released:
Main Blocked?	Yes	Estimated Reopen:		Actual Reopen:

Estimated Damages and Costs:			
\$	0	Track	Track, Track Structures, and Roadbed Damages.
\$	0	Signal	
\$		"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	2017 FRA Reportable \$10,700

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

			ONLY
		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:		Description:	
Brief Narrative of Incident:			
STACSTP117B struck a trespasser on SMT. Trespasser status unknown. Not at a crossing.			
0500CT - PCS Ester Chavez reports that the trespasser is a confirmed fatality.			
0730CT - Train back on the move.			

Post Accident Testing (FRA):			
Did this incident meet FRA Post Accident Testing criteria?			
Contact MEH Dept at: (817) 352-1648 during normal business hours. (817) 352-1613 after hours, weekends and holidays. If no answer, page email Kimberly Farris and Julie Murphy when the following applies: -Employee/Contractor Fatality. -Damage to railroad property exceeding \$1.5 million. -Collision with injury or \$150,000 damage -Passenger train accident with reportable injury -Human Factor Grade-Crossing Accident? If Yes, Name of Claims Agent. -A release of hazardous material that results in an evacuation or a reportable injury.			
Does the NOC GDT agree with the above analysis?			
Craft being Post Accident Tested:			

Notifications:																							
Time:	Entity:	Person Notified:	Reminders:																				
0347CT	Service Interruption:	DS 71 Notified JG	Include who notified SID.																				
0351CT	Resource Operations:	PCS Esther Chavez																					
	OPR DL Cargorelated		Copy of this report																				
0352CT	DTM/Terminal Manager:	Clinton Nowles	Get ETA, check Cell number.																				
0354CT	RFE:	Michael Tycksen	Get ETA, check Cell number.																				
0400CT	Signal Desk:	Via Remedy	817-593-5998																				
	MOW Desk:		817-593-6823 Option 1																				
	Mechanical Desk:		817-593-9128																				
0358CT	NOC GDT:	John Abrahamson																					
Copy of RPT	Div. General Manager:	Craig Morehouse																					
Copy of RPT	Div. GDT:	Jason Moyer																					
Copy of RPT	Corridor Supt:	Dan Clark																					
Copy of RPT	Div. Sup Ops / Term Sup:	Tobin Zerfas																					
	MDPR	Via Remedy	817-352-1312																				
	Passenger Service:	Via Remedy	Email report to Rich Wessler and Tamara Noel.																				
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	The following group list is for the following departments: Safety, Law, Rules, Workforce Management, Rules and field Support, Corporate Relations, Government Affairs, and Evidence Preservation Major event group page list (Not MIP) Also page Region VP.		Page for the following events: Major derailments or train collisions which are expected to exceed 16 hours or \$1,000,000 in damages, 4-8 hour range after the 1st conference call. Derailments or collisions with evacuations, explosions, or involving crude oil trains. Major Hazardous Incidents Employee Fatalities, life threatening																				

	(It is located with the SID Locomotive group lists)		injuries, or amputations. Add "Preliminary Report" to the subject line.
	Conference Calls:		If Conf Call is being established: Notify: NOC MECH/MOW Desk & ROC
	Hazardous Incidents: Contact East/West On-call Manager		Page for all Hazardous Incidents: Pat Brady, Piper, Justin, Reid, Clay D, Howard Horn, David C Clark, John D. Lovenburg, Allen Stegman
	ChemTrec (USA) 800-424-9300 CanuTec (Canada) 888-226-8832 or 613-996-6666		Call Emergency Number listed on the Waybill whenever a HAZ MAT car is involved in a derailment or damaged; whether leaking or not. Run TSS: WBCOPY & HAZ & EXCR
0449CT	NRC: 800 – 424 – 8802 (Initial SID Analysis) Examples for notifying: Passenger Train/Route \$150,000 incident Employee/Contractor Fatality	Brent - Report #1264281	Obtain their Report Number and name of person who took the report.
0400CT	State:	WA State Emergency - Scott Caldwell - Report #19-4101 Email Report: utcrailreporting@utc.wa.gov Email Report: lori.halstead@utc.wa.gov	
	California - CUPA		
	Foreign Railroad:		
	Page "Go Team"		If appropriate notify Mark Schulze.
Copy of RPT	State Corporate Relations:	Gus Melonas/Courtney Wallace	Copy of this report: Maia LaSalle: MT, WY Jeanelle Davis: AL, AR, LA, MS, TN, TX Lena Kent: AZ, CA, TX, LA, MS, AR, AL, TN Amy McBeth: MB, MN, ND, SD, WI Joe Sloan: CO, OK, NM, UT, NV Gus Melonas/Courtney Wallace: BC, ID, OR, WA Andy Williams: KS, MO, NE, IL, KY, IA
	Energy Desk:		Notify the Energy Desk of crude oil train derailments: OPR DL Energy Desk managers 817-867-0021

From: [Turcott, Mike \(UTC\)](#)
To: [Halstead, Lori \(UTC\)](#); [Boston, Bob \(UTC\)](#)
Cc: [Hunter, Kathy \(UTC\)](#)
Subject: Ritzville
Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 8:09:00 AM

Charles Jingling (OL volunteer) attended the Ritzville city council meeting where the police chief gave a presentation on the recent fatality.

From: Charles Jingling [mailto:charlesjingling@outlook.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 6:28 PM
To: Turcott, Mike (UTC) <mike.turcott@utc.wa.gov>
Subject: Re: Train vs trespasser - Ritzville

While I will find out more later here is the current information. The person killed was a woman, last name possibly Kinkaid. As I understand she lived in an apartment a few blocks from the tracks. According to people who knew her she was "not right in the head" and that she had "problems." The indications are it was suicide.

I might know this person, though not well. IF it is who I think it was, she did indeed have a number of problems. In addition the body was intact, not in pieces.

There is nothing visible on the right of way indicating what happened. Will contact you later if I find out more. CJ

From: [State Emergency Operations Officer \(MIL\)](#)
To: [Brischle, Mattias \(ECY\)](#); [Jay Weise \(jayw@co.adams.wa.us\)](#); [Hunter, Kathy \(UTC\)](#); [Kenneth W. Holgard](#); [Mark Daniels \(FRA\)](#); [Michael Pirato](#); [Stacey Thompson \(Fed Railroad Association Reg 8\)](#); [Stacey Weller](#); [Steven Travers](#); [WUTC Rail Reporting \(UTC\)](#); [Wilson, Andy \(ECY\)](#); [Harris, Anna \(ECY\)](#); [Madunich, Chris \(ECY\)](#); [Smith, Dixie \(ECY\)](#); [Alexander, Kim \(ECY\)](#); [Stephens, Mark A. \(ECY\)](#); [Wheeler, Mark \(ECY\)](#); [McCain, Michael W. \(ECY\)](#); [Hunn, Sam \(ECY\)](#)
Cc: [State Emergency Operations Officer \(MIL\)](#)
Subject: Train vs trespasser - Ritzville
Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 2:06:49 AM

Please see the below information involving a railroad that has been reported the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Please reply to this email to confirm receipt of this message.

Thank you,

Name of the Railroad(s) involved: BNSF

Reporting Party Name, Position and Contact Number: Jose Granados, 817-352-2832

Time and Date Called in to the State EOC: 11/19/19, 0200

Time and Date of the Event: 11/19/19, 0147

Mile post and/or Address of Event: MP 64.8, Ritzville

Circumstances of the Incident: Train struck trespasser.

Number of Injuries and/or Fatalities: Unknown status of trespasser at this time.

Type of Rail Cars Involved (tank, hopper, box, flat, etc.):

Type and Amount of HAZMAT spilled: Unknown

Any Additional Details That Will Assist in Identifying the Necessary Response:

Name and Phone Local POC: Michael Tycksen, 509-521-2345

Railroad Incident Number:

State EOC Incident Number: 19-4101

Scott Caldwell

State Emergency Operations Officer

Washington Emergency Management Division

Building 20: MS: TA-20

Camp Murray, WA 98430-5122

dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov

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Cc: [Byers, David \(ECY\)](#); [Clark, Anthony B \(MIL\)](#)
Subject: RE: Train vs Trespasser - Ritzville - NRC#1264281
Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 7:39:31 AM

Mattias was paged, called in at 0211, and was briefed. When he called in, he was advised that the worksheet that we use to record the information was emailed to him. Later, at 0315, the NRC was received and forwarded as well.

Jim Kadrmas
State Emergency Operations Officer
Washington Emergency Management Division
1-800-258-5990
dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Hunn, Sam (ECY) <SAHU461@ECY.WA.GOV>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 7:13 AM
To: State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL) <Dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov>; Jay Weise (jayw@co.adams.wa.us) <jayw@co.adams.wa.us>; Wilson, Andy (ECY) <JAMW461@ECY.WA.GOV>; Harris, Anna (ECY) <anha461@ECY.WA.GOV>; Madunich, Chris (ECY) <CMAD461@ECY.WA.GOV>; Smith, Dixie (ECY) <DIMI461@ECY.WA.GOV>; Alexander, Kim (ECY) <KALE461@ECY.WA.GOV>; Stephens, Mark A. (ECY) <MSTE461@ECY.WA.GOV>; Wheeler, Mark (ECY) <MWHE461@ECY.WA.GOV>; McCain, Michael W. (ECY) <MIMC461@ECY.WA.GOV>; Hunter, Kathy (UTC) <kathy.hunter@utc.wa.gov>; Kenneth W. Holgard <kenneth.holgard@dot.gov>; Mark Daniels (FRA) <mark.daniels@dot.gov>; Michael Pirato <michael.pirato@dot.gov>; Stacey Thompson (Fed Railroad Association Reg 8) <stacey.thompson@dot.gov>; Stacey Weller <wellers@amtrak.com>; Steven Travers <steven.travers@amtrak.com>; WUTC Rail Reporting (UTC) <utcrailreporting@utc.wa.gov>
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Subject: RE: Train vs Trespasser - Ritzville - NRC#1264281

Was this paged out to Ecology Response? Or, notified by email only?

Samuel R Hunn
Eastern Washington Response Unit Supervisor Washington State Department of Ecology
509-961-8868

-----Original Message-----

From: State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL) <Dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov>
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(UTC) <utcrailreporting@utc.wa.gov>
Subject: Train vs Trespasser - Ritzville - NRC#1264281

For Your Information. This is the NRC for the earlier reported incident.

Please confirm receipt.

Scott Caldwell
State Emergency Operations Officer
Washington Emergency Management Division Building 20: MS: TA-20 Camp Murray, WA 98430-5122
dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: HQS-PF-flidr-NRC@uscg.mil <HQS-PF-flidr-NRC@uscg.mil>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 3:15 AM
To: DUTYOFFICER@EMD.WA.GOV; State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL) <Dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov>;
State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL) <Dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov>
Subject: NRC#1264281

NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER 1-800-424-8802
GOVERNMENT USE ONLYGOVERNMENT USE ONLY***

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applicable federal and/or state Freedom of Information and Privacy Laws

Incident Report # 1264281

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by NRC at 05:54 on 19-NOV-19
Incident Type: RAILROAD NON-RELEASE
Incident Cause: TRESPASSER
Affected Area:
Incident occurred on 19-NOV-19 at 01:47 local incident time.
Affected Medium: RAIL REPORT (N/A)

REPORTING PARTY

Name: ROB LARSON
Organization: BNSF RAILWAY
Address: 2650 LOU MENK DRIVE
FORT WORTH, TX 76131
Email Address:

PRIMARY Phone: (817)3522832
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: UNKNOWN
Organization:
Address:

Type of Organization: UNKNOWN

INCIDENT LOCATION

MP 64.88 County: ADAMS
City: RITZVILLE State: WA

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

CALLER REPORTED A FREIGHT TRAIN STRUCK A TRESPASSER RESULTING IN AN UNKNOWN STATUS OF THE TRESPASSER.

SENSITIVE INFORMATION

INCIDENT DETAILS

Grade Crossing: UNKNOWN
Location Subdivision: LAKESIDE
Railroad Milepost: 64.88
Type of Vehicle Involved:
Crossing Device Type:
Device Operational: UNKNOWN
DOT Crossing Number:
Date and Time Service was/will be Restored:
Brake Failure: UNKNOWN
Federal Post-Accident 219.201 Sub Part C Testing Required: NO
Passenger Train Route: YES
Passenger Train Delay Expected: UNK
Passenger Train Delay Handling:
---RAILROAD INFORMATION---
Railroad Involved: BNSF RAILWAY
Train Number: STACSTP117B
Train Type: FREIGHT Train Direction:
Train Speed: Track Speed:
Locomotives: Cars: Derailed:
Suspected DOT Regulation Non Compliance: UNKNOWN
DERAILED CARS:
Pos. Car number Type Cargo

IMPACT

Fire Involved: NO Fire Extinguished: UNKNOWN

INJURIES: UNKNOWN Sent to Hospital: Empl/Crew: Passenger:

FATALITIES: NO Empl/Crew: Passenger: Occupant:

EVACUATIONS: NO Who Evacuated: Radius/Area:

Damages: NO

Closure Type	Description of Closure	Hours	Direction of	Closed	Closure
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Air: NO

Road:	NO	Major	Artery: NO
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Waterway: NO

Track: NO

Passengers Transferred: NO

Environmental Impact: UNKNOWN

Media Interest: UNKNOWN Community Impact due to Material:

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY

Release Secured: UNKNOWN

Release Rate:

Estimated Release Duration:

WEATHER

Weather: PARTLY CLOUDY, °F

ADDITIONAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED

Federal:

State/Local: STATE OF WASHINGTON

State/Local On Scene:

State Agency Number: 19-4101

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (GRASP)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (770)4887100

CGIS D13 FIELD OFFICE (CGIS D13 COMMAND CENTER)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (206)2207141

DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (SECRETARY'S OPERATION CENTER (SOC))

19-NOV-19 06:14

DHS DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY (CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGI

19-NOV-19 06:14 (703)7673477

NATIONAL COORDINATING CTR FOR COMMS (NCC COMM-ISAC)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (703)2355626

DHS CYBER & INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY (OFC OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION R

19-NOV-19 06:14 (202)8215301

OFFICE OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION (WA STATE PROTECTIVE SECURITY ADVIS

19-NOV-19 06:14 (202)8053379

DOT CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (202)3661863

FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMIN. (MAIN OFFICE (AUTO))

19-NOV-19 06:14 (202)4930636

FEMA REGION 10 (MAIN OFFICE)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (425)4874704

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COORD CTR (MAIN OFFICE)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (202)2829201

NOAA RPTS FOR WA (MAIN OFFICE)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (206)5264911

OREGON TITAN FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (877)6204702

WA STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (MAIN OFFICE)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (800)2585990

TSA OFFICE OF SECURITY OPERATIONS (SURFACE OPS/PSAT - OREGON OFFICE)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (614)7328440

TSA SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY (TWIC ENFORCEMENT)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (206)3875236

USCG DISTRICT 13 (DISTRICT THIRTEEN (DRAT - DRMM))

19-NOV-19 06:14 (206)2207221

VOLPE CENTER (TRANSPORTATION HUMAN FACTORS)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (617)4942000

WASHINGTON STATE FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (877)8439522

WASHINGTON STATE NATIONAL GUARD (COMMAND CENTER)
19-NOV-19 06:14 (253)5128159
WA UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMM (RAILROAD SAFETY)
19-NOV-19 06:14 (360)6641160

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*** END INCIDENT REPORT #1264281 ***
Report any problems by calling 1-800-424-8802
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil>

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Subject: Train vs Trespasser - Ritzville - NRC#1264281
Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 3:16:02 AM

For Your Information. This is the NRC for the earlier reported incident.

Please confirm receipt.

Scott Caldwell
State Emergency Operations Officer
Washington Emergency Management Division
Building 20: MS: TA-20
Camp Murray, WA 98430-5122
dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: HQS-PF-flidr-NRC@uscg.mil <HQS-PF-flidr-NRC@uscg.mil>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 3:15 AM
To: DUTYOFFICER@EMD.WA.GOV; State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL) <Dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov>; State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL) <Dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov>
Subject: NRC#1264281

NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER 1-800-424-8802

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Incident Report # 1264281

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by NRC at 05:54 on 19-NOV-19
Incident Type: RAILROAD NON-RELEASE
Incident Cause: TRESPASSER
Affected Area:
Incident occurred on 19-NOV-19 at 01:47 local incident time.
Affected Medium: RAIL REPORT (N/A)

REPORTING PARTY

Name: ROB LARSON
Organization: BNSF RAILWAY
Address: 2650 LOU MENK DRIVE
FORT WORTH, TX 76131
Email Address:

PRIMARY Phone: (817)3522832
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: UNKNOWN
Organization:
Address:

Type of Organization: UNKNOWN

INCIDENT LOCATION

MP 64.88 County: ADAMS
City: RITZVILLE State: WA

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

CALLER REPORTED A FREIGHT TRAIN STRUCK A TRESPASSER RESULTING IN AN UNKNOWN STATUS OF THE TRESPASSER.

SENSITIVE INFORMATION

INCIDENT DETAILS

Grade Crossing: UNKNOWN
Location Subdivision: LAKESIDE
Railroad Milepost: 64.88
Type of Vehicle Involved:
Crossing Device Type:
Device Operational: UNKNOWN
DOT Crossing Number:
Date and Time Service was/will be Restored:
Brake Failure: UNKNOWN
Federal Post-Accident 219.201 Sub Part C Testing Required: NO
Passenger Train Route: YES
Passenger Train Delay Expected: UNK
Passenger Train Delay Handling:
---RAILROAD INFORMATION---
Railroad Involved: BNSF RAILWAY
Train Number: STACSTP117B
Train Type: FREIGHT Train Direction:
Train Speed: Track Speed:
Locomotives: Cars: Derailed:
Suspected DOT Regulation Non Compliance: UNKNOWN
DERAILED CARS:
Pos. Car number Type Cargo

IMPACT

Fire Involved: NO Fire Extinguished: UNKNOWN

INJURIES: UNKNOWN Sent to Hospital: Empl/Crew: Passenger:
FATALITIES: NO Empl/Crew: Passenger: Occupant:
EVACUATIONS: NO Who Evacuated: Radius/Area:

Damages: NO

Hours Direction of
Closure Type Description of Closure Closed Closure

Air: NO

Major

Road: NO

Artery:NO

Waterway:NO

Track: NO

Passengers Transferred: NO

Environmental Impact: UNKNOWN

Media Interest: UNKNOWN Community Impact due to Material:

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY

Release Secured: UNKNOWN

Release Rate:

Estimated Release Duration:

WEATHER

Weather: PARTLY CLOUDY, °F

ADDITIONAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED

Federal:

State/Local: STATE OF WASHINGTON

State/Local On Scene:

State Agency Number: 19-4101

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (GRASP)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (770)4887100

CGIS D13 FIELD OFFICE (CGIS D13 COMMAND CENTER)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (206)2207141

DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (SECRETARY'S OPERATION CENTER (SOC))

19-NOV-19 06:14

DHS DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY (CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGI

19-NOV-19 06:14 (703)7673477

NATIONAL COORDINATING CTR FOR COMMS (NCC COMM-ISAC)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (703)2355626

DHS CYBER & INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY (OFC OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION R

19-NOV-19 06:14 (202)8215301

OFFICE OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION (WA STATE PROTECTIVE SECURITY ADVIS

19-NOV-19 06:14 (202)8053379

DOT CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (202)3661863

FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMIN. (MAIN OFFICE (AUTO))

19-NOV-19 06:14 (202)4930636

FEMA REGION 10 (MAIN OFFICE)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (425)4874704

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COORD CTR (MAIN OFFICE)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (202)2829201

NOAA RPTS FOR WA (MAIN OFFICE)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (206)5264911

OREGON TITAN FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (877)6204702

WA STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (MAIN OFFICE)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (800)2585990

TSA OFFICE OF SECURITY OPERATIONS (SURFACE OPS/PSAT - OREGON OFFICE)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (614)7328440

TSA SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY (TWIC ENFORCEMENT)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (206)3875236

USCG DISTRICT 13 (DISTRICT THIRTEEN (DRAT - DRMM))

19-NOV-19 06:14 (206)2207221

VOLPE CENTER (TRANSPORTATION HUMAN FACTORS)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (617)4942000

WASHINGTON STATE FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (877)8439522

WASHINGTON STATE NATIONAL GUARD (COMMAND CENTER)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (253)5128159

WA UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMM (RAILROAD SAFETY)

19-NOV-19 06:14 (360)6641160

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*** END INCIDENT REPORT #1264281 ***

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From: [Turcott, Mike \(UTC\)](#)
To: [Halstead, Lori \(UTC\)](#)
Cc: [Boston, Bob \(UTC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Train vs trespasser - Ritzville
Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 12:16:15 PM

More from Charles.

From: Charles Jingling [mailto:charlesjingling@outlook.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 12:15 PM
To: Turcott, Mike (UTC) <mike.turcott@utc.wa.gov>
Subject: Re: Train vs trespasser - Ritzville

UPDATE-11-20-2019. At the city council meeting last night more details about the fatality emerged. The incident happened about 200 yards WEST of Jefferson which is the westernmost crossing in Ritzville. This means it happened in the area behind Harvest Foods. The store was closed. There is a NO TRESPASSING sign which is very easy to see. Nothing was said about any witness. The bars were all closed.

There is a frequently used shortcut through the weeds, not a real walking path, but used enough that you can see it as it goes across the tracks, RIGHT BY THE BNSF NO TRESPASSING SIGN. The nearest auto-pedestrian crossing is about 200-250 yards east.

At the City Council meeting the Chief of Police did say the woman had "issues" but did not elaborate.

Several persons in town knew her, typical small town. I was told who knew her that she was not married, and no children. She had worked at Subway and at McDonalds here in Ritzville.

Anyway I guess that is about it, but it is sad. Even more sad if it was indeed suicide.

CJ

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From: Turcott, Mike (UTC) <mike.turcott@utc.wa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 8:09 AM
To: Charles Jingling <charlesjingling@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: Train vs trespasser - Ritzville

Thank you Charles.

Sad situation.

From: Charles Jingling [mailto:charlesjingling@outlook.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 6:28 PM
To: Turcott, Mike (UTC) <mike.turcott@utc.wa.gov>
Subject: Re: Train vs trespasser - Ritzville

While I will find out more later here is the current information. The person killed was a

woman, last name possibly Kinkaid. As I understand she lived in an apartment a few blocks from the tracks. According to people who knew her she was "not right in the head" and that she had "problems." The indications are it was suicide.

I might know this person, though not well. If it is who I think it was, she did indeed have a number of problems. In addition the body was intact, not in pieces.

There is nothing visible on the right of way indicating what happened. Will contact you later if I find out more. CJ

From: Turcott, Mike (UTC) <mike.turcott@utc.wa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 8:10 AM

To: Charles Jingling <charlesjingling@outlook.com>

Subject: FW: Train vs trespasser - Ritzville

Charles do you know about this?

From: State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL)

Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 2:07 AM

To: Brischle, Mattias (ECY) <MBRI461@ECY.WA.GOV>; Jay Weise (jayw@co.adams.wa.us) <jayw@co.adams.wa.us>; Hunter, Kathy (UTC) <kathy.hunter@utc.wa.gov>; Kenneth W. Holgard <kenneth.holgard@dot.gov>; Mark Daniels (FRA) <mark.daniels@dot.gov>; Michael Pirato <michael.pirato@dot.gov>; Stacey Thompson (Fed Railroad Association Reg 8) <stacey.thompson@dot.gov>; Stacey Weller <wellers@amtrak.com>; Steven Travers <steven.travers@amtrak.com>; WUTC Rail Reporting (UTC) <utcrailreporting@utc.wa.gov>; Wilson, Andy (ECY) <JAMW461@ECY.WA.GOV>; Harris, Anna (ECY) <anha461@ECY.WA.GOV>; Madunich, Chris (ECY) <CMAD461@ECY.WA.GOV>; Smith, Dixie (ECY) <DIMI461@ECY.WA.GOV>; Alexander, Kim (ECY) <KALE461@ECY.WA.GOV>; Stephens, Mark A. (ECY) <MSTE461@ECY.WA.GOV>; Wheeler, Mark (ECY) <MWHE461@ECY.WA.GOV>; McCain, Michael W. (ECY) <MIMC461@ECY.WA.GOV>; Hunn, Sam (ECY) <SAHU461@ECY.WA.GOV>

Cc: State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL) <Dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov>

Subject: Train vs trespasser - Ritzville

Please see the below information involving a railroad that has been reported the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Please reply to this email to confirm receipt of this message.

Thank you,

Name of the Railroad(s) involved: BNSF

Reporting Party Name, Position and Contact Number: Jose Granados, 817-352-2832

Time and Date Called in to the State EOC: 11/19/19, 0200

Time and Date of the Event: 11/19/19, 0147

Mile post and/or Address of Event: MP 64.8, Ritzville

Circumstances of the Incident: Train struck trespasser.

Number of Injuries and/or Fatalities: Unknown status of trespasser at this time.

Type of Rail Cars Involved (tank, hopper, box, flat, etc.):

Type and Amount of HAZMAT spilled: Unknown

Any Additional Details That Will Assist in Identifying the Necessary Response:

Name and Phone Local POC: Michael Tycksen, 509-521-2345

Railroad Incident Number:

State EOC Incident Number: 19-4101

Scott Caldwell

State Emergency Operations Officer

Washington Emergency Management Division

Building 20: MS: TA-20

Camp Murray, WA 98430-5122

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RITZVILLE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Report for Incident 19-R01259

Nature: ACCIDENT OTHER
Location:

Address: W 1ST AVE & S JEFFERSON ST
RITZVILLE WA 99169

Offense Codes: SUIC
Circumstances: LT43
Received By: K HICKEY How Received: TELEPHONE Agency: RIT
Responding Officers: T GRACIE M T CAMERON D C MCCORMICK
Responsible Officers: T GRACIE Disposition: Closed Case 01/06/20
When Reported: 01:52:55 11/19/19 Clearance: CLRD BY RESP OFFICER/DEPUTY
Occurred Between: 01:51:54 11/19/19 and 01:51:54 11/19/19

INVOLVEMENTS

Type	Record	Date	Relationship
nmmain	149898	11/19/19	CONTACTED
nmmain	149901	11/19/19	CONTACTED
nmmain	462	11/19/19	CONTACTED
nmmain	610	11/19/19	CONTACTED
nmmain	813	11/19/19	CONTACTED
nmmain	8452	11/19/19	CONTACTED
nmmain	25989	11/19/19	CONTACTED
nmmain	81019	11/19/19	CONTACTED
nmmain	107581	11/19/19	DECEASED
nmmain	131131	11/19/19	CONTACTED
nmmain	1054	11/19/19	Complainant
cdcall	C287772	11/19/19	Initiating Call

COMPLAINANT:

Name: BURLINGTON NORTHERN, RAILROAD Name Number: 1054
Race: Sex: DOB: **/**/** Height: ' " Weight:0 Hair: Eyes:
Address: 2650 LOU MENK DR, FORT WORTH, TX 76131
Home Phone: (817)852-1000 Work Phone: (800)832-5452
24HR

OTHER PERSONS:

Name: WASHINGTON STATE PATROL Name Number: 462

Race: Address: 4603 W ROWAND RD, SPOKANE, WA Home Phone: (800)283-7804	Sex: Work Phone: (509)456-4101 PBLC	DOB: **/**/**
Name: EAST ADAMS RURAL HOSPITAL Race: Address: 903 S ADAMS ST, RITZVILLE, WA 99169 Home Phone: (509)659-1200	Name Number: 610 Sex: Work Phone: (509)659-5400 ER CLNC	DOB: **/**/**
Name: ADAMS COUNTY, CORONER Race: Address: 210 W BROADWAY AVE, RITZVILLE, WA 99169 Home Phone: () -	Name Number: 813 Sex: Work Phone: (509)659-3219	DOB: **/**/**
Name: ADAMS COUNTY, FIRE DISTRICT 1 Race: Address: 206 W 1ST AVE, RITZVILLE, WA 99169 Home Phone: (509)659-1281	Name Number: 8452 Sex: Work Phone: (509)659-0444	DOB: **/**/**
Name: WASHINGTON STATE, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Race: Address: , , Home Phone: () -	Name Number: 25989 Sex: Work Phone: (800)258-5990	DOB: **/**/**
Name: CARRUTH, SCOTT A. Race: W Address: 106 E 5TH AVE, RITZVILLE, WA 99169 Home Phone: () -	Name Number: 81019 Sex: M Work Phone: (509)659-1122	DOB: .
Name: KINKADE, HEIDI K. Race: W Address: 104 E 2ND AVE; APT 12, RITZVILLE, WA 99169 Home Phone: () -	Name Number: 107581 Sex: F Work Phone: () -	DOB: .
Name: STEFFEN, DARCY D. Race: W Address: 104 E 2ND AVE; APT 6, RITZVILLE, WA 99169 Home Phone: () -	Name Number: 131131 Sex: F Work Phone: () -	DOB: 05/24/61

NARRATIVE:

TRAIN STRUCK A HUMAN AND STOPPED AT FIRST & JEFFERSON. KH/

Supplemental Narrative:

Name: T GRACIE

Date: 04:40:39 11/19/19

On 11/19/19 at approximately 0153 hours I received a radio transmission from Adams County Dispatch advising of a train vs pedestrian collision at the Jefferson St grade crossing. While en-route dispatch toned fire and ambulance.

I arrived at the Jefferson St crossing and was contacted by Donald Sluder (BSNF train conductor). Donald stated the collision occurred west of the grade crossing. I followed Donald approximately 407 feet west of the crossing finding a deceased female subject, later identified as Heidi Kinkade, lying face up on the north side of the tracks.

I notified dispatch of the collision location. I notified Chief McCormick of the situation. Moments later the ambulance and fire department personnel arrived. Heidi was confirmed deceased by medical personnel at approximately 0209 hours.

Heidi's head was toward the north with her feet toward the train. I observed Heidi was wearing blue jeans and a blue hoody with the hood pulled over her head. I observed the hoody was slid up exposing her mid section. I observed Heidi had impact trauma to her face on her nose and above her right eye. I observed additional impact trauma to the center of her forehead near the hairline. Walking around to Heidi's right side I observed impact trauma to her right side/lower back. I observed Heidi's shoes had been knocked off with the right shoe lying on the ground on the north side of the tracks a few feet west of Heidi of Heidi and the left shoe lying between the tracks adjacent to where Heidi was located.

When asked what occurred, Donald stated the train was traveling east bound at approximately 20MPH in dense fog. Donald stated Heidi was observed in the middle of the tracks at the last minute and the train's breaks were applied. Donald stated he wasn't able to tell if Heidi was crossing over the tracks or walking down the center of them. When asked where the impact occurred Donald stated it was near where she was lying.

Chief McCormick, SGT Cameron, and WSP Trooper Romaneski arrived on scene. I requested SGT Cameron contact the train crew and obtain their information. SGT Cameron advised he would also mark the location of the train's front axle.

While processing the scene dispatch advised they received a call from Darcy Stephen who had an ID card and suicide notes left by her upstairs neighbor (Heidi). Chief McCormick responded to Darcy's location. After returning with the ID Heidi's identification was confirmed. Chief McCormick advised he would make a death notification to Heidi's relatives.

I contacted Peter in the Coroner's office at approximately 0301 and advised him of the situation. Peter confirmed my plan to contact Danekas Funeral Home and obtain fluid for potential toxicology examination.

I photographed the scene and measured 407.6 east from Heidi's final resting spot to the west edge of the Jefferson St crossing. I later measured 360.8 feet from the west edge of the Jefferson St crossing center of the train's front axle for a total length of 768.4 feet.

Danekas Funeral Home personnel arrived and took possession of Heidi at

approximately 0430 hours.

I provided BNSF personnel with Heidi's information and the evidence it was an intended suicide.

Heidi left three letters. One to her neighbor Darcy, one to her sister Kristy, and one to Dr Beck.

In her letter to Darcy Heidi began with "I don't know what to say except that I'm sorry. I tried so hard, but it has all become too overwhelming. They took away my unemployment and said I owe them \$800.00! There's nothing left to do". The letter went on to talk about other hardships Heidi was facing before listing requests she had for Darcy including caring for her cats and delivering the letter she wrote to Kristy. The letter also stated "I'm leaving you my truck. Sell it and make a few bucks. Place is unlocked. Take anything you want and tell Cindy I'm sorry".

In her letter to Kristy Heidi expressed her feeling that no one loves her. Heidi then stated "Oh well live will continue as if I was never here. I'm sure I won't be missed. I'm not the same person that I used to be". Heidi then states she has a final request and asks Kristy to put her cats down.

In her letter to DR Beck Heidi thanks him for his service over the years. Heidi then goes on to state "I want you to know that this isn't your fault... things just got to be too much".

With the three letters there was a notice from WA State Employment Security Dept dated 11/06/19 advising Heidi her unemployment was discontinued and she owed \$752.00.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Officer [Signature] Badge 253 Date 1/18/20

Approved [Signature] Date 1-20-19

Distribution: PA ODC RDC JUV OPD RPD CPS OTHER

Supplemental Narrative:

Name: MTCAMERON

Date: 19:58:28 11/19/19

On 11-19-19 at 0153 hrs, while I was off duty, Adams County Dispatch paged the Ritzville Fire Department and the Ritzville Ambulance to a train verses pedestrian collision near the Jefferson St. crossing. I knew due to the nature of that call, I would need to respond. I responded from my residence.

When I arrived, the Ritzville Fire Department and ambulance as well as Officer Gracie were already on scene. I contacted Officer Gracie who told me the female subject, later identified as Heidi K. Kinkade (dob [REDACTED]) has passed away from her injuries. I recognized Kinkade but couldn't immediately recall her name. As I looked at Kinkade, I could see some trauma to her head and some blood. Her body was in tact.

Officer Gracie asked me to contact the train crew at the head of the train and obtain what information I could from them.

The train's lead locomotive, a Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) locomotive, had stopped just east of the Adams St crossing. It had been eastbound at the time of the collision. The weather conditions at that time were foggy with visibility approximately a mile or less. The temperature was in the high 30s to low 40s. Due to the fog, there was a mist in the air.

I contacted the train crew in the lead locomotive. Engineer Tyler C. Morrision (dob [REDACTED]) and Conductor Donald E. Sluder (dob [REDACTED]) were the crew on the train. I advised the crew I knew they had certain rules they had to follow and if they didn't want to provide their information or what happened until their company representatives arrived, I understood. They advised they would talk to me before the company representatives arrived.

Engineer Morrision said the train was traveling at approximately 26 MPH. When asked why he was traveling at a slower speed than the trains normally go through town, he said the train was coming up a grade and they were conserving fuel. Engineer Morrision said he had started sounding the horn as he was approaching the Jefferson St crossing. He said after the first or second sounding of the horn, he saw something in between the rails. He stood up from his seated position and saw it was a human, standing between the rails, facing southbound. Engineer Morrision said the person, Kinkade, looked up at the train and the she turned her torso away from the train, towards the east. He said he immediately put the throttle into the natural position and put the train into emergency break mode. Engineer Morrision said he heard the train hit Kinkade but because of how high they sit, he didn't see the impact.

Conductor Sluder said as soon as the train came to a stop, he exited the cab and started back towards the site of the collision. He said he found Kinkade unresponsive.

Both Engineer Morrision and Conductor Sluder said they would provided statements if needed.

I re-contacted Officer Gracie. By this time Chief McCormick had arrived and through investigation we were able to identify Kinkade. As soon as the name was told to me her name, I knew it to be her. I've has several contacts with Kinkade over the years of her living in Ritzville.

Officer Gracie was processing the scene of the impact. He asked me to process the front of the train. I returned to the lead locomotive, #4059. With marking paint, I marked where the front left axle came to a stop, I marked where the front of the train stopped, and I photographed the front of the train, the marks I made and the sand that had been deposited on the rail by the locomotive when it was put into emergency mode. I didn't locate any evidence of the collision on the front of the train.

Chief McCormick returned to the scene and advised Kinkade had left three suicide notes, one to her sister, one to her neighbor and one to her doctor. The notes were left outside her neighbor's front door. The notes didn't say she was going to walk in front of a train but left instructions as to what she wanted done with her cats and to tell people it wasn't their fault. Refer to Chief McCormick's report for further on that.

When Danekas Funeral Home personnel arrived, Officer Gracie and I assisted in getting Kinkade's body onto the gurney and out of the scene. After the body was removed, Danekas Funeral Home personal cleared the scene. Officer Gracie, Chief McCormick and I cleared the collision scene as well.

I made contact with the BNSF management personnel who had arrived on scene as well as Engineer Morrision and Conductor Sluder and advised them what the situation was. I provided them with Officer Gracie's card as he was the lead investigator in the case. I advised them there were no units left at the scene. They asked to be walked back to where it happened. Officer Gracie and I walked them back to the scene and then cleared the rail road's right of way shortly there after.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Officer [Signature] Badge 52 Date 01-20-2020

Approved [Signature] Date 1-20-20

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