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Stanwood, WA 98292

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Re: Logen Road closure
Docket #090121

Dear Mr. Bloodgood

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There has been a lot of activity on the railroad tracks north of downtown Stanwood to the Logen Road. This has been going on before the rail car derailment. Rails have been stacked near where the depot will be since about the second week in January. It seems like a lot of activity for a project not yet approved.

I have more environmental concerns since the car derailment shows that it is a real possibility an event could happen. News article was in the Stanwood News 10 days after the event. (copy attached) I know I had to take another route one day because it said road closed but didn't know why.

- Hazardous compounds parked on side track for long periods (BN indicated they would store cars for days)
- BN, fire department & hazmat teams being able to respond quickly. No hazmat team in our area I bet BN's isn't either.
- In case of an environmental release HOW FAST can the large housing community uphill to the east (in some cases within 2 blocks) be notified and/or evacuated?
- The public having no clue what is sitting down on the tracks.
- Wintering tundra and trumpeter swans and snow geese that feed in the fields adjacent to the tracks. I saw several swans near the tracks in January and have taken pictures in years past of large flocks of geese feeding just off Logen Road.
- NOISE—In January an engine sat below our house for 3 days and nights with the engine idling. We have double pane windows, closed the shades, pulled the drapes and still had to turn up the tv and hearing that noise all night long. My concern is when they really start storing trains for long periods on a regular basis. It doesn't seem appropriate so close to a populated area.

Logen Road has been a part of our everyday life. We use it every week for over half a century. But when it comes to big business it's all about the dollar and not about the quality of life for the little guy. Our opinion is BN is holding the train station hostage so they can get their way and close Logen Road and store a few more rail cars.

Thank you, Floyd & Marilyn Templeton

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BNSF freight train derails in Stanwood

A Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) freight train, headed from Ferndale to Everett, derailed just after midnight last Tuesday morning.

The derailment occurred on the Stanwood siding near Logen Road.

Gus Melonas, BNSF spokesman, said the incident was dealt with as swiftly as possible.

"It derailed one car," said Melonas. "The car was left positioned on its side."

The derailed car was carrying a petroleum coke product, and its contents were transferred to another car after the accident. "It occurred at a slow rate of speed," he said. "There were no injuries."

The derailment interrupted service on the main line until 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, which delayed Amtrak passenger trains in both directions.

The cause of the derailment remains under investigation.