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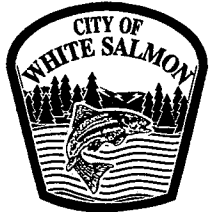
February 28, 2009

Please disregard the certified letter that was previously sent to you on January 21, 2009 that mistakenly contained an outdated NOI, dated February 18, 2008 and accept this current January 15, 2009 NOI that we are submitting as prepared by Tenneson Engineering. We apologize for this inconvenience. Thank you.

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January 15, 2009

Christine Adams, Acting Grade Crossing Manager  
Federal Railroad Administration  
P.O. Box 2744  
Vancouver, Washington 98665

Regarding: Notice of Intent to Create South Dock Grade Road Quiet Zone

Greetings:

Notice is hereby provided that the City of White Salmon (City) intends to create a new 24-hour Quiet Zone in accordance with the regulatory provisions contained in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 222 and 229, *Use of Locomotive Horns at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings; Final Rule* (Final Rule); in particular, under the authority of 222.39(a)(3). The routine sounding of train horns at crossings would be restricted within the Quiet Zone.

A party receiving this Notice of Intent may submit information or comments about the proposed Quiet Zone to the City during the 60 days following the date of this letter. However, this comment period will terminate if all of the parties either submit comments or sign statements that they do not have any comments due to their continuous participation in the process of developing this Quiet Zone. Failure to respond in the allotted time will infer concurrence.

**Section 1 – Effected Highway – Rail Crossings**

One public roadway-rail grade crossing is located within the proposed Quiet Zone. This crossing is located within the City of White Salmon, Klickitat County, Washington. The effected roadway is under the jurisdiction of the City of White Salmon.

USDOT CROSSING ID #	WUTC CROSSING ID #	STREET NAME
090164L	3A 74.20	South Dock Grade Road

The Quiet Zone will extend from Milepost 73.90 to 74.40. The following railroads currently operate over the crossing within the proposed Quiet Zone:

- National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak)
- Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF)  
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The proposed Quiet Zone would meet the minimum requirements identified under 49 CFR-222.9 and 222.35 as follows:

*Part 222.9 – Quiet Zone Definition Number of Public Highway – Rail Crossings within the proposed Quiet Zone: 1 (minimum equals 1)*

*Part 222.35(a) – Proposed Quiet Zone Length: 0.5 miles (equals half mile minimum length).*

*Part 222.35(b) – Gates and Flashers?: Yes, existing.*

*Part 222.35(b) – Constant Warning Time Protection?: Yes, existing.*

*Part 222.35(b) – Power Outage Indicators?: Yes, existing.*

*Part 222.35(c) – Advance Warning Signs: Such signs will be install when the Quiet Zone is implemented.*

*Part 222.35(d) – Bells: Yes, existing.*

### **Section 2 – Time Restriction**

The routine sounding of horns would be restricted twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven days a week.

### **Section 3 – Proposed Improvements**

To qualify for Quiet Zone status under Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Standards, a Supplemental Safety Measure (SSM) must be installed in the Quiet Zone. As per the Quiet Zone calculator available online from the FRA, the City of White Salmon has tentatively chosen SSM #12 – Mountable Medians with Reflective Traffic Channelization Devices. This measure would be installed prior to creating the Quiet Zone at the South Dock Grade Road, Crossing ID #090164L. In addition, the necessary advance warning signs would be installed per the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and the pavement width would be widen at the crossing to a minimum of 24 feet. A current grade crossing inventory form for the South Dock Grade Road, Crossing ID #090164L, has been included.

### **Section 4 – Point of Contact**

The point of contact for the City of White Salmon is:

David Poucher, Mayor  
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**Section 5 – Distribution**

This notice has been sent via certified mail return receipt requested to the following individuals:

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Federal Railroad Administration  
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Vancouver, Washington 98665  
500 Broadway, Suite 240  
Vancouver, Washington 98660

Kathy Hunter, Transportation Safety and Compliance Manager  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive Southwest  
P.O. Box 47250  
Olympia, Washington 98504

John Stilley, Region 9 Public Projects Manager  
BNSF Railway  
740 East Carnegie Drive  
San Bernardino, California 92408

Todd Kuhn, Region 1 Public Projects Manager  
BNSF Railway  
2454 Occidental Avenue South, Suite 1A  
Seattle, Washington 98134

Ted Trepanier, State Traffic Engineer  
Washington State Department of Transportation  
310 Maple Park Avenue Southeast  
Olympia, Washington 98504-7344

Alvin Richardson, Amtrak Senior Safety Coordinator  
National Railroad Passenger Corporation  
60 Massachusetts Avenue Northeast  
Washington, D.C. 20002

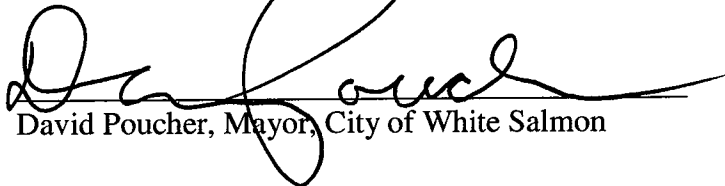
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This notice has been sent via uncertified mail to the following individuals:

Darrin Eckman, Project Manager  
Tenneson Engineering Corporation  
3313 West Second Street, Suite 100  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058

Mike Miller  
1701 Broadway #354  
Vancouver, Washington 98663

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

  
David Poucher, Mayor, City of White Salmon

1/28/09  
Date