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STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT Case 2011-0992

Revised Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS)

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APPLICANT: Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad (PSAP), 411 N 3rd Street, Elma, WA 98541

PROPERTY OWNER: Same

LOCATION OF CURRENT PROPOSAL: The proposed action is located north of the City of Elma, within the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 34, Township 18 N, Range 6 W. W.M., Grays Harbor County, WA.

LEAD AGENCY: Grays Harbor County

FINDINGS: Grays Harbor County, acting as lead agency pursuant to WAC Chapter 197-11-924, has determined that this proposal does not represent a probable significant adverse impact on the environment, provided that the attached mitigating measures are conditions of permit issuance. This decision is based upon a review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file and available for review Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Planning and Building Division on the third floor of the Grays Harbor County Administration Building. An Environmental Impact Statement is not required for this proposal, pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 43.21C.030.

MITIGATION: To ensure the appropriate mitigation of potential adverse impacts from the proposal to elements of the environment, the following mitigating conditions are assigned to this proposal pursuant to the authority granted under Grays Harbor County Code (GHCC) Chapter 18.04.120, RCW Chapter 43.21C.135, and WAC Chapter 197-11-350:

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(b) AIR. To mitigate for probable significant adverse impacts of construction to the natural environment:

1. Construction vehicles shall be equipped with factory-installed emission control devices.

(c) TRANSPORTATION. To mitigate for probable significant adverse impacts of construction to the transportation system:

1. The applicant shall construct a cul-de-sac turnaround on the north side of the existing crossing that meets county standards and construct a turnaround on the south side of the existing crossing that meets city standards.
2. The applicant shall install dead end road signs and end of road object markers per the direction of the Grays Harbor County Engineer.

REFERENCES: This MDNS is based on information contained in the following documents:

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2. Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington, Washington State Department of Ecology.

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Importance: High

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RE: Withdraw of original *Mitigated Determination of Non-significance*, Case 2011-0992

Permit Coordinator:

Please find enclosed and process accordingly the Revised Mitigated Determination of Non-significance (MDNS) for Case 2011-0992. Please withdraw the original MDNS.

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Enclosed is a copy of the Revised MDNS, SEPA Checklist, and associated maps. If you have any questions concerning this permit and/or materials please contact me at (360) 249-5579 or at rharriman@co.grays-harbor.wa.us.

Best regards,

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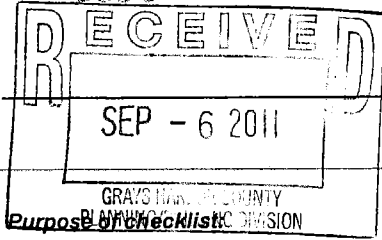


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ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write, "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." **IN ADDITION**, complete the **SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D)**.

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

A. BACKGROUND

	OFFICE USE ONLY
1. Project Title: <i>Proposed closure of at-grade highway/railroad crossings in Grays Harbor County, WA.</i>	✓
2. Applicant: <i>Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad (PSAP)</i>	✓
3. Address and Phone: <i>411 N. 3rd Street Elma, WA Phone: (360) 482-4994 Contact: Steve L. Hefley, General Manager</i>	✓
4. Date checklist prepared: <i>February 7, 2011</i>	✓
5. Agency requiring checklist: <i>Grays Harbor County</i>	✓
6. Proposed timing or schedule: <i>No phasing is planned. The highway/railroad grade crossing closure work would be scheduled immediately upon approval by the WUTC. This is anticipated to occur in 2nd Quarter, 2011.</i>	✓










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7. Plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity. If yes, explain. <i>There are no plans for future expansion. However, PSAP is also submitting a SEPA Checklist and WUTC Petitions to close several crossings in Elma, one crossing near Centralia, and one crossing in Aberdeen, WA.</i>	✓
8. List other environmental information you know about related to this proposal: <i>A field visit and GIS data analysis was conducted for the proposed project. Please refer to the attached site maps.</i>	✓
9. List other pending applications or approvals: <i>To PSAP's knowledge, there are no other applications pending for governmental approvals that will impact the proposed crossings.</i>	✓
10. Give detailed description of proposal including off-site improvements, utility requirements, land and building dimensions, etc. (attach site plan): <i>PSAP proposes to close the N 17th Street and Hewitt Street at-grade, highway/railroad crossings to vehicular traffic. The project entails removing the existing crossing surface and grade crossing warning active or passive systems along with the roadway on each side of the railroad track to the railroad right-of-way line. Barricades are to be installed at the railroad right-of-way line to prevent ingress onto the railroad's property. Signage is to be installed in advance of the crossing indicating the crossing closure. The proposed work is planned to be performed by PSAP personnel. The planned work should take approximately two days per crossing to remove the existing crossing, install signage, remove the roadway pavement to the railroad right-of-way line and install barricades. The work will be done with a small crew using equipment such as a backhoe air compressor, and dump truck. The work will be done during normal working hours.</i>	Where is asphalt going? ✓
11. Location of proposal including section, township, range and parcel number. <i>The project is located at the at-grade highway/railroad crossings N 17th Street and Hewitt Street crossings and the PSAP railroad line, near Elma, and Satsop, WA, respectively. The crossings are identified by DOT's at Latitude and Longitude in the table below as taken from the WUTC Crossing Inventory.</i>	✓

County	State	Cross	USDOT #	Latitude	Longitude	Section	Township	Range (WM)
Grays Harbor	WA	N 17 th St.	#096641X	47.00717	-123.42158	34	18	06
Grays Harbor	WA	Hewitt St.	#096649C	47.00336	-123.48279	31	18	06











B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. EARTH	OFFICE USE ONLY
a. General description of the site (circle one): <u>flat</u> , rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other.	✓
b. What is the steepest slope on site (approximate percent slope)? <i>Zero to 5%</i>	✓
c. What general types of soils are found on the site (e.g., clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland. <i>According to US Dept. of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Web Soil Survey, the soils on the site consist of Carstairs very gravelly loam, Satsop silt loam and Montesa Silt Loam.</i>	✓

<p>d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. <i>There is no history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity of the project sites.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>e. Describe purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill. <i>Not applicable; no fill or grading will be required for closure of the crossings.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Minor grading</i>
<p>f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. <i>Approximately 1,000 square feet of asphalt will be removed at each crossing. However, the onsite soil types are stable and non-erosive. Construction equipment will be limited to developed areas of the sites and will not pose an erosion risk. Therefore, no erosion is expected to occur.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Where is asphalt going?</i>
<p>g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (e.g., asphalt or buildings)? <i>No new impervious surfaces will be added as a result of the project. Asphalt will be removed, reducing the current amount of impervious surface by approximately 1,000 square feet at each crossing.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<p>h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: <i>None, not applicable. Existing surfaces will continue to drain towards railroad drainage ditch. There is minimal, if any, new grading proposed, and any grading will be performed to minimize erosion.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. AIR	
<p>a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. <i>There would be no increase in air emissions from automobiles or trains due to this project.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. <i>The Grays Harbor County area is currently in attainment for state and federal air quality standards. Therefore, no off-site sources of emissions or odor will affect the proposed project.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: <i>Not Applicable</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. WATER	
a. Surface:	
<p>1. Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into. <i>There are no surface water bodies or wetlands within 500 feet of the project sites. The closest surface water body is a Dry Bed Creek, located approximately 750 feet west from the N 17th Street Crossing. According to the National Wetland Inventory (NWI) map, a palustrine emergent wetland is also located approximately 530 feet northeast of the 17th Street crossing. The proposed project does not include any surface water discharges to the Dry Creek bed or the palustrine emergent wetland, and will have no impact on these water bodies.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>2. Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans. <i>The proposed project site is located more than 200 feet from the closest waters mentioned above, and will not impact this area.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<p>3. Estimate amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material. <i>No fill or dredged materials will be placed or removed from surface water or wetland areas due to the proposed road crossing closures.</i></p>	
<p>4. Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. <i>No surface water withdrawals or diversions are proposed.</i></p>	
<p>5. Does the proposal lie within a 100-year flood plain? If so, note location on the site plan. <i>The crossings lie in FEMA Zone C (areas of minimal flooding), outside the 110-year floodplain.</i></p>	<i>Zone C</i> 
<p>6. Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge. <i>No discharge of waste material to surface water is planned. To prevent the inadvertent discharge of spilled materials to surface waters a Construction Stormwater pollution Prevention Plan will be prepared and implemented.</i></p>	
<p>b. Ground:</p>	
<p>1. Will groundwater be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. <i>No ground water withdrawals or discharges are proposed.</i></p>	
<p>2. Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (e.g., domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals _____; agricultural, etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve. <i>There will be no waste material discharged due to this project.</i></p>	
<p>c. Water Runoff (including storm water):</p>	<p>OFFICE USE ONLY</p>
<p>1. Describe the source of runoff, (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe. <i>Runoff is typically generated from two sources – operations and precipitation. Stormwater runoff from precipitation is the primary source of water runoff at the site. Stormwater runoff is currently generated from precipitation on impervious surfaces on the project site. This runoff will not be altered by the project; therefore no additional stormwater measures to collect and dispose of stormwater are necessary.</i></p>	
<p>2. Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. <i>As discussed in Item B.3.a. (below), there are no bodies of surface water on the site or directly adjacent to the site. Therefore, there is no potential for waste material entering surface water.</i></p>	
<p>3. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any: <i>No additional impacts are expected for surface, ground, and runoff water; therefore, no additional measures are proposed.</i></p>	
<p>4. PLANTS</p>	

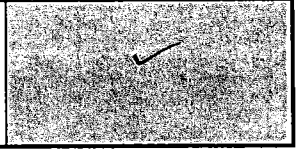
<p>a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site: <i>No vegetation is found on the site. The sites all currently have asphalt covering them. However, the following types of vegetation were found within 200 feet of the site</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> shrubs <input type="checkbox"/> grass <input type="checkbox"/> pasture <input type="checkbox"/> crop or grain <input type="checkbox"/> wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> water plants: water lily, eel grass, milfoil, other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> other types of vegetation _____</p>	✓
<p>b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? <i>The sites are currently asphalt, with no vegetation. Therefore no vegetation will be removed or altered.</i></p>	✓
<p>c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site. <i>According to the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR), there are no rare plant species identified in the project vicinity.</i></p>	✓
<p>d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: <i>Not applicable.</i></p>	✓
5. ANIMALS	
<p>a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site: birds: hawk, heron, eagle, <u>songbirds</u>, other _____ mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other _____ fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other _____</p>	✓
<p>b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site. <i>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) maintains a species list for all the counties in Washington. Currently, USFWS lists 5 endangered and threatened terrestrial species for Grays Harbor County, which include marbled murrelet, northern spotted owl, Oregon silverspot butterfly, short-tailed albatross, and Western snowy plover. These species are unlikely to be present in the project vicinity.</i></p>	✓
<p>c. Is site part of a migration route? If so, explain. <i>All the species identified above may fly over the project sites; however the proposed project area is unlikely a part of the migration routes for the listed species.</i></p>	✓
<p>d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: <i>No measures are proposed.</i></p>	✓
6. ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES	
<p>a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc. <i>There will be no energy usage required in this project.</i></p>	✓
<p>b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy on adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. <i>The proposal would not affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties.</i></p>	✓
<p>c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any: <i>None.</i></p>	None

7. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	OFFICE USE ONLY
<p>a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe. No.</p>	
<p>1. Describe special emergency services that might be required. <i>No special emergency services will be required; however, consideration for re-routing vehicles, including emergency response vehicles, is included in the plan for each crossing.</i></p>	
<p>2. Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any. <i>None.</i></p>	<i>none</i>
<p>b. Noise</p>	
<p>1. What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (e.g., traffic, equipment operation, other)? <i>Existing noise is from freight trains and automobiles passing the crossing. Following the project, automotive traffic noise will be eliminated at the project site. However, it is anticipated that existing noise will be moved to the alternate traffic routes. No net gain or loss of traffic noise is anticipated for the area. However, please note that the absence of grade crossings at the project location(s) means locomotives will no longer be compelled to blow the engine horns for roadway traffic, which means a reduction in overall noise.</i></p>	
<p>2. What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (e.g., traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site. <i>It is anticipated that approximately two days work will be required at each crossing, which will produce short-term noise from equipment such as a railroad maintenance truck, backhoe or air compressor. The work will take place during normal working hours.</i></p>	
<p>3. Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: <i>No impacts are anticipated, therefore no reduction measures are proposed.</i></p>	
8. LAND AND SHORELINE USE	
<p>a. What is the current use of site and adjacent properties? <i>Transportation corridor for railroad and highway.</i></p>	
<p>b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe. No.</p>	
<p>c. Describe any structures on site. <i>There are no structures on the site.</i></p>	
<p>d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? <i>The project consists of removal of the existing crossing material and the existing street surface to the railroad right-of-way line. Barricades are to be installed with signage indicating the crossing closure approach. There are no structures on site to demolish.</i></p>	
<p>e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? <i>There is not zoning within the limits of the crossing closure project; however, the surrounding areas are zoned "C-2", General Commercial District.</i></p>	<i>surrounding is rural residential</i>
<p>f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? <i>The portion of N 17th St. within Elma is designated as a City Street. Hewitt Street is designated as a "Major County Road".</i></p>	

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? <i>Not applicable.</i>	✓
h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? <i>No.</i>	✓
i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? <i>None</i>	✓
j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? <i>None.</i>	✓
k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: <i>Not Applicable.</i>	✓
l. Proposed measures to ensure proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: <i>Traffic re-route plans for the closures are to be implemented.</i>	✓
9. HOUSING	
a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. <i>Not applicable.</i>	✓
b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. <i>None.</i>	✓
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c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: <i>Not applicable.</i>	✓
10. AESTHETICS	
a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? <i>Not applicable.</i>	✓
b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? <i>The proposed project will have minimal impact on views in the area for the following reasons: The site is relatively flat. The tallest structure on the site will be the "Road Closed" barricade sign which, if used, typically only rises to approximately 6 feet in height.</i>	✓
c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetics impacts, if any: <i>None.</i>	✓
11. LIGHT AND GLARE	✓
a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? <i>None.</i>	✓
b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? <i>No.</i>	✓
c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal. <i>None.</i>	✓
d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: <i>None.</i>	✓
12. RECREATION	
a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? <i>None.</i>	✓
b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. <i>None.</i>	✓
c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: <i>Not applicable.</i>	✓
13. HISTORIC AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION	


<p>a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe. <i>According to the Washington Information System for Architectural and Archeological Records Data (WISAARD), there are no national, state, or local preservation registers known on or next to the site.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site. <i>None.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any: <i>Not Applicable.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>14. TRANSPORTATION</p>	
<p>a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. <i>The project involves closing at-grade rail crossings to vehicular traffic on the following streets: N. 17th Street and Hewitt Street in Grays Harbor County. It also involves closure of N 2nd St., N 5th St., and N 10th St. within Elma. Local traffic will require alternate routes to cross the railroad.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to nearest transit stop? <i>No.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate? <i>None.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). <i>No new roads or improvements are anticipated.</i></p>	<p>TURN AROUND? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> road improvements?</p>
<p>OFFICE USE ONLY</p>	
<p>e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. <i>A Freight railroad is part of the project (in the immediate vicinity of the project).</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur. <i>No changes in existing vehicular trips per day would be generated. Existing vehicular trips will be re-routed to other at grade railroad crossings.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: <i>Advanced notification of crossing closure signs will be installed and notification will be made to emergency services.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>15. PUBLIC SERVICES</p>	
<p>a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (e.g., fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. <i>No additional public services will be required as a result of project completion.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. <i>Notification of emergency response agencies and the public will take place approximately 2 months in advance of the crossing closure. Installation of project completion signage will take place during the project construction period.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>16. UTILITIES</p>	
<p>a. Circle utilities available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other. <i>Electricity, water, refuse service, telephone and sanitary sewer utilities are available in the vicinity of the project. However, the project will not impact utilities or require use of utilities.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.
None.



C. SIGNATURE

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: 

Date Submitted: originally submitted on February 16, 2011; resubmitted with original signature on September 2, 2011

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

)	DOCKET NO. TR-110162
)	
Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad)	PETITION FOR THE CLOSURE
_____)	OF A HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE
Petitioner,)	CROSSING
)	
vs.)	
Grays Harbor County)	
_____)	
Respondent)	USDOT CROSSING NO. 096641X
)	N. 17th Street
.....)	

Prior to submitting a Petition for the Closure of a Highway-Rail Grade Crossing to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC), State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) requirements must be met. Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-865 (2) requires:

All actions of the utilities and transportation commission under statutes administered as of December 12, 1975, are exempted, except the following:

(2) Authorization of the openings or closing of any highway/railroad grade crossing, or the direction of physical connection of the line of one railroad with that of another;

Please attach sufficient documentation to demonstrate that the SEPA requirement has been fulfilled. For additional information on SEPA requirements contact the Department of Ecology.

The Petitioner asks the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to approve the closure of a public at-grade highway-railroad crossing as described in this petition.

Section 1 – Petitioner’s Information

<p>Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad _____ Petitioner</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Signature 411 N. 3rd Street _____ Street Address</p> <p>Elma, WA 98541</p>
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City, State and Zip Code

Same

Mailing Address, if different than the street address

Steve L. Hefley

Contact Person Name

(360) 482-4994; steve.hefley@railamerica.com

Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

Section 2 – Respondent's Information

Grays Harbor County

Respondent

100 West Broadway, Suite 31

Street Address

Montesano, WA 98563

City, State and Zip Code

Mailing Address, if different than the street address

Russ Esses

Contact Person Name

(360) 249-4222; pwd@co.grays-harbor.wa

Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

Section 3 – Crossing Location

1. Existing highway/roadway N. 17th Street

2. Existing railroad Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad

3. USDOT Crossing No. 096641X

4. Located in the ___ 1/4 of the ___ 1/4 of Sec. 34 , Twp. 18 , Range 06 W.M.

5. GPS location, if known: Latitude 47.00717; Longitude -123.4128

7. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth) 48.90

8. City Elma County Grays Harbor

Section 4 – Crossing Traffic

1. Type of public road at the crossing State County City
 Port State Park Other _____

2. Average daily vehicle traffic over the tracks 90 Vehicle speed limit **25 MPH**

3. Trucks (commercial vehicles) are what percent of average daily traffic 10.2%

4. Number of school buses over the crossing each day 4

5. Name of railroad(s) operating at crossing **Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad**

6. Type of railroad at crossing Common Carrier Logging Industrial
 Passenger Excursion

7. Type of tracks at crossing Main Line Siding or Spur

8. Number of tracks at crossing One (1)

9. Average daily train traffic, freight 6 trains/24 hours

Authorized freight train speed **40 mph** _____ Operated freight train speed **30 mph (typ.)**

10. Average daily train traffic, passenger _____ **N/A**

Authorized passenger train speed **N/A** _____ Operated passenger train speed **N/A** _____

Section 5 – Description of Closure

1. Describe in detail the reasons for closing the crossing: **Improving public safety by reducing the potential for train/vehicle crossing accidents, reducing railroad maintenance cost and improving railroad operations.**

2. Describe the area currently served by the crossing, including the approximate number of homes or businesses that might be affected by the closure: **17th St. connects to W. Martin St. To travel Between W. Main St. downtown Elma to W. Martin St. access is north on either N. 16th St. or offset N. 17th St. to W. Martin, then to N. 17th St. to cross the railroad crossing which then ends approximately 2 blocks north of the railroad crossing at Bailey Rd.**

3. How far is the nearest alternate access across the tracks from the crossing proposed for closure? **Approximately 1,200 feet.**

4. Describe the alternate access route, including distance and driving time: **The alternate access route would be using N. 13th Street to cross the railroad tracks from the downtown area (Main Street) to Bailey Rd. and back south on 17th St.**

The worst-case additional driving distance is about 1 mile, or about 3-4 minutes at the posted 25 mph speed limit.

Section 6 – Illustration of Crossing

Attach a diagram, drawing, map or other illustration showing the location of the highway and railroad in the vicinity of the crossing. Include the parcels of private property located on both sides of the highway for a distance of 500' from the crossing and the name and mailing address of each property owner.

See Exhibit Print-N. 17th St.

Section 7 – Waiver of Hearing by Respondent

Waiver of Hearing

The undersigned represents the Respondent in the closure of the following crossing.

USDOT Crossing No. 096641X

We have investigated the conditions at the crossing. We are satisfied the conditions are the same as described by the Petitioner in this docket. We agree the grade crossing should be closed and consent to a decision by the commission without a hearing.

Dated at _____, Washington, on the _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Printed name of Respondent

Signature of Respondent's Representative

Title

Phone number and e-mail address

Mailing address





N. 17th STREET - ELMA, WA

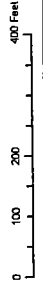
Properties within 500' of crossing

APN	OWNER	ADDRESS	ADDRESS2	CITY	STATE	ZIP	ZIP4	SITUS
180634210010	HOWARTH MATTHEW D & LINDA J	PO BOX 1871		ELMA	WA	98541		01515 W BAILEY RD
180634210050	AUKLAND MAURRIE A	517 N 17TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541		00517 N 17TH
180634210080	MOORE TERRY L & LOIS J	91 HOGAN RD		HOQUIAM	WA	98550		
180634210020	MILLER JAMES E & STURGILL SANDRA	513 N 17TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541		00513 N 17TH ST
180634210040	HENNECK HARRY R JR	PO BOX 1425		ELMA	WA	98541		00507 N 17TH ST
618063424027	SOUTH CENTRAL PROPERTIES LLC	PO BOX 14280	417 N 17TH ST	ELMA	WA	98511		00417 N 17TH ST
618063424003	OBSER LISA & HANSON JAMI	%WILLA ROGERS		MCCLEARY	WA	98557		00000
618063424002	HARP TIMOTHY E & CAROLINE A	PO BOX 196		ELMA	WA	98541		00000
618063424013	CITY OF ELMA	CITY HALL		ELMA	WA	98541		00420 N 16TH ST
618063424001	PAPKE ELROY & PATRICIA A	418 N 16TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541		
618063424023	SOUTH CENTRAL PROPERTIES LLC	PO BOX 14280		TUMWATER	WA	98511		
618063424026	SOUTH CENTRAL PROPERTIES LLC	PO BOX 14280		TUMWATER	WA	98511		
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045000100401	SOUTH CENTRAL PROPERTIES LLC	PO BOX 14280		TUMWATER	WA	98511		
045000100701	SOUTH CENTRAL PROPERTIES LLC	PO BOX 14280		TUMWATER	WA	98511		
045000101100	PIPER DANIEL W & REAGAN K	1624 W MARTIN		ELMA	WA	98541		
045000200100	PIPER DANIEL W & REAGAN K	1624 W MARTIN		ELMA	WA	98541		00000
045000200401	OBSER LISA & HANSON JAMI	%ROGERS WILLA M	417 N 17TH ST	ELMA	WA	98541		00000
045000200800	G H COUNTY	COURTHOUSE		MONTESANO	WA	98563		00000
045000200902	HARP TIMOTHY E & CAROLINE A	PO BOX 196		MCCLEARY	WA	98557		00412 N 17TH ST
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045000200901	MILLER PAUL S	410 N 17TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541		00410 N 17TH ST
045000200300	GRAEN JEFFREY A	409 N 17TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541		00409 N 17TH ST
045000100402	SOUTH CENTRAL PROPERTIES LLC	PO BOX 14280		TUMWATER	WA	98511		
045000100702	SOUTH CENTRAL PROPERTIES LLC	PO BOX 14280		TUMWATER	WA	98511		
045000300102	SEABURG STEVEN ET AL	%PATRICIA PAPKE/418 N 16TH		ELMA	WA	98541		00418 N 16TH ST
045000101400	DOTSON PATRICIA A L	1712 WEST MARTIN		ELMA	WA	98541		01712 W MARTIN
045000202300	PIPER DANIEL W & REAGAN K	1624 W MARTIN		ELMA	WA	98541		01624 MARTIN
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045000201801	SINCLAIR SEAN M & TERESA L	1614 W MARTIN ST		ELMA	WA	98541		01614 MARTIN
045000302202	JONES TERRY A	PO BOX 123		ELMA	WA	98541		01522 W MARTIN
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045000800100	HOLT NATHAN C & JULIA A	PO BOX 1423	28111 9TH PL S	ELMA	WA	98541		01523 W MARTIN
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045000302000	CAPPS LEROY	1518 W MARTIN ST		ELMA	WA	98541		01510 W MARTIN
045000301600	FREDRICKSON DONNA A	1510 W MARTIN		ELMA	WA	98541		01502 W MARTIN
045000301300	GREEN JAY L & BARBARA L	1502 W MARTIN		ELMA	WA	98541		



Legend

-  PSAP Closure
-  500-ft Crossing Buffer
-  Parcel Impacted by Crossing
-  Railroad



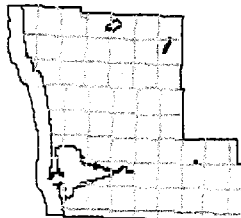
17th Street N - Elma, WA
 USDOT #096641X

PUGET SOUND AND PACIFIC RAILROAD

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Map Location



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Planning & Building

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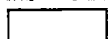
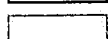


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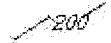
BOUNDARIES

-  County Boundary
-  Townships
-  Section Survey Lines



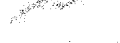

WATER BODIES

-  Open Water
-  Flats/Gravel Bars
-  Ice
-  Man Made Feature
-  Wet Area
-  Unknown/Unclassified




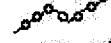


ELEVATION

-  Contours, 40' interval


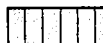

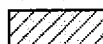

STREAMS

-  Water Type S, F, N (Np or Ns when known)
-  U, unknown
-  X, non-typed per WAC 222-16
-  Water Type Change


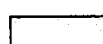

TRANSPORTATION

-  Paved Road
-  Unpaved Road / Surface Unknown
-  Abandoned Road (not on Activity map)
-  Orphaned Road (not on Activity map)
-  Trail
-  Railroad



SITE CLASS – On Site Class Map only

-  Site Class I
-  Site Class II
-  Site Class III
-  Site Class IV
-  Site Class V

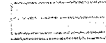




SITE INDEX – On Site Class Map only

-  Non-Commercial or Marginally Commercial
-  No Data
-  Red Alder



SLOPE – On Resource Map only

-  Medium Slope Instability
-  High Slope Instability




SOILS – On Resource Map only

-  Hydric Soils
-  Highly Unstable
-  Highly Erodible
-  Highly Unstable & Highly Erodible
-  No Data or Gravel Pits





RAIN ON SNOW – On Resource Map only

-  Rain on Snow
-  Snow Dominant

WETLANDS – Resource & Water Type Maps only

-  Type A  Forested
-  Type B  other

OTHER

-  Watershed Analysis/WAU (Activity & Base maps); WAU (Water Type maps)
-  WRIA (Activity, Base & Water Type maps)
-  Fire Shutdown Zones (Activity & Base maps only)
-  + Map Registration Tics (All map types)

Notes to Applicant or other user:

See the FPA/N instructions for Activity Map standards.

Site indices are based on the WA-DNR State Soil Survey. If the site index does not exist or indicates red alder, noncommercial, or marginally commercial species, the following apply:

- a) If red alder is indicated and the whole RMZ width is within that site index, then use site class V. If red alder is indicated for only a portion of the RMZ width, or there is on-site evidence that the site has historically supported conifer, then use the site class for conifer in the most physiographically similar adjacent soil polygon.
- b) In Western Washington, if there is no site index information, use the site class for conifer in the most physiographically similar adjacent soil polygon.
- c) In Eastern Washington, if there is no site index information, assume site class III, unless site specific information indicates otherwise.
- d) If the soil polygon indicates noncommercial or marginally commercial, then use site class V.

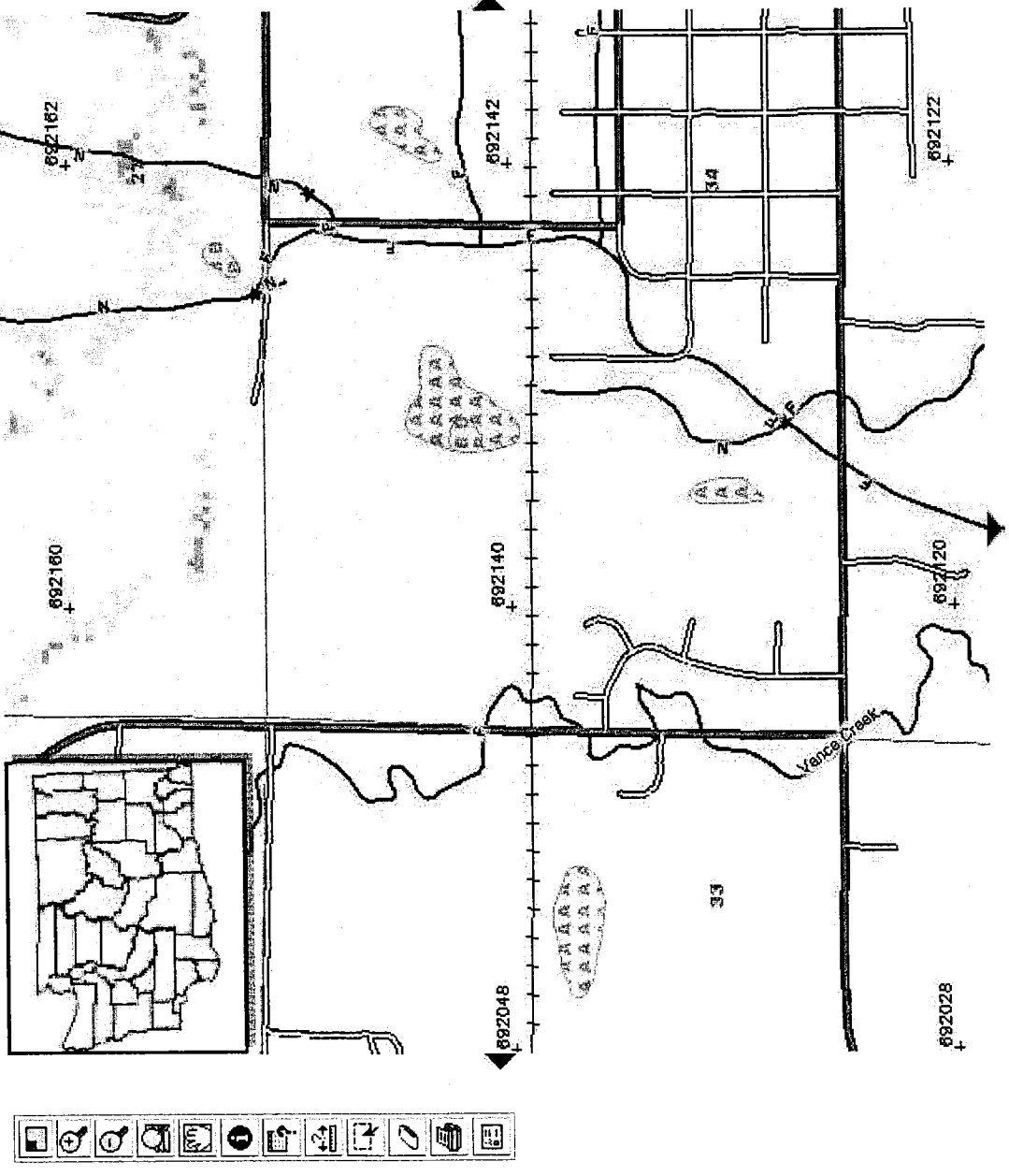
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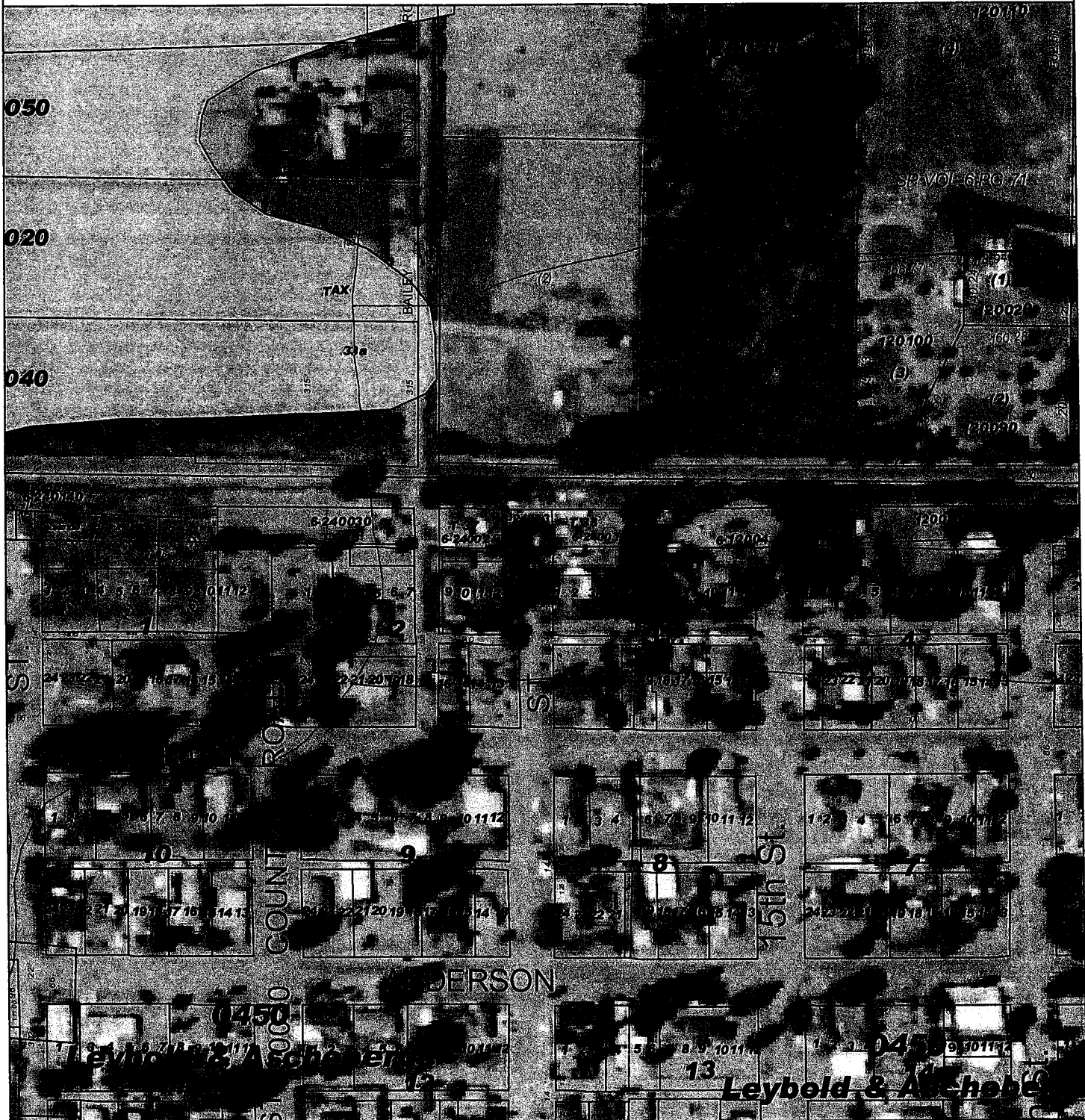
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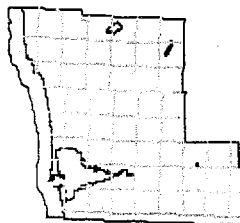
Grays Harbor County Flood Plain Map



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Map Location



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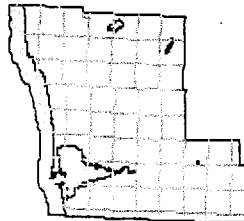
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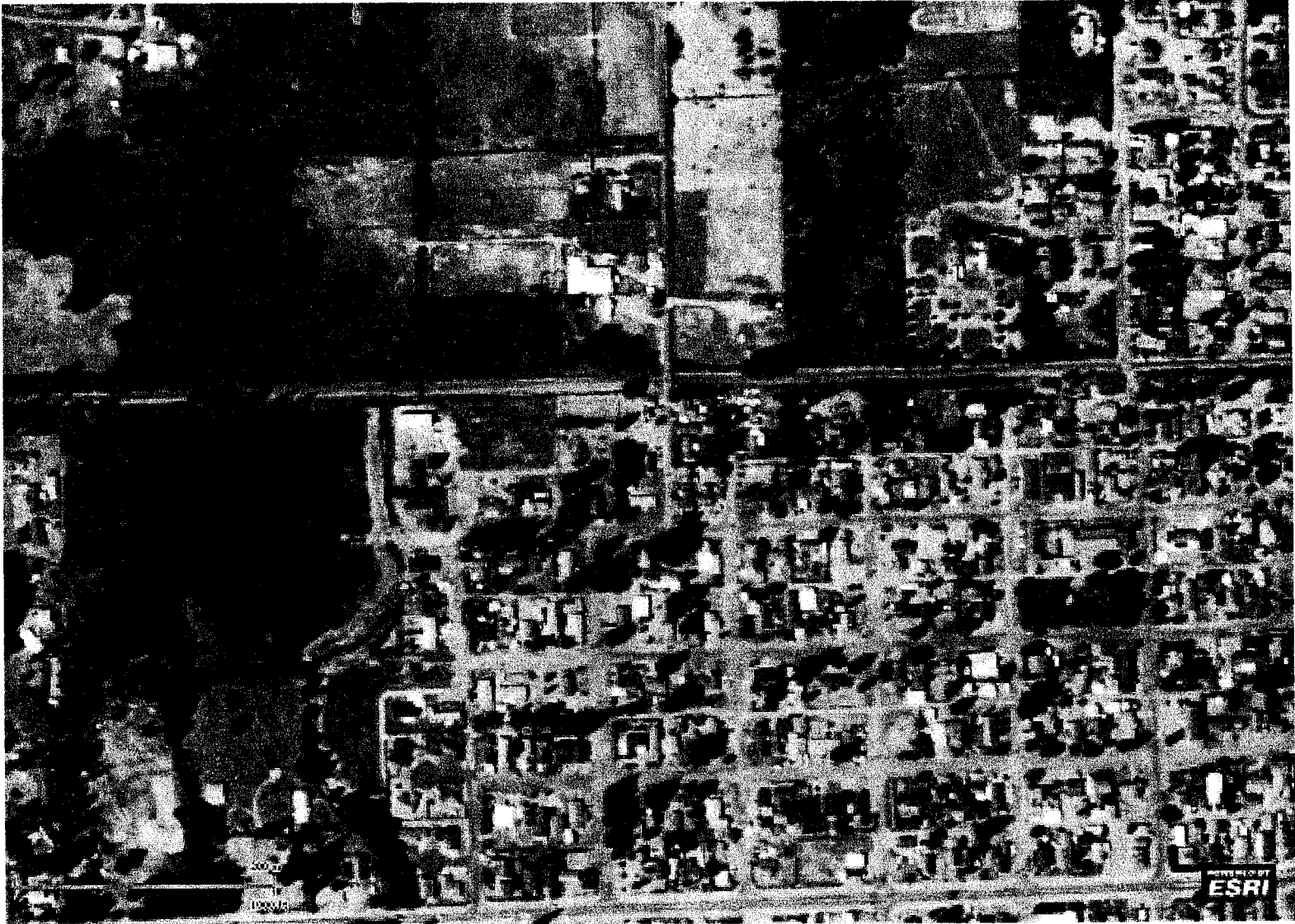


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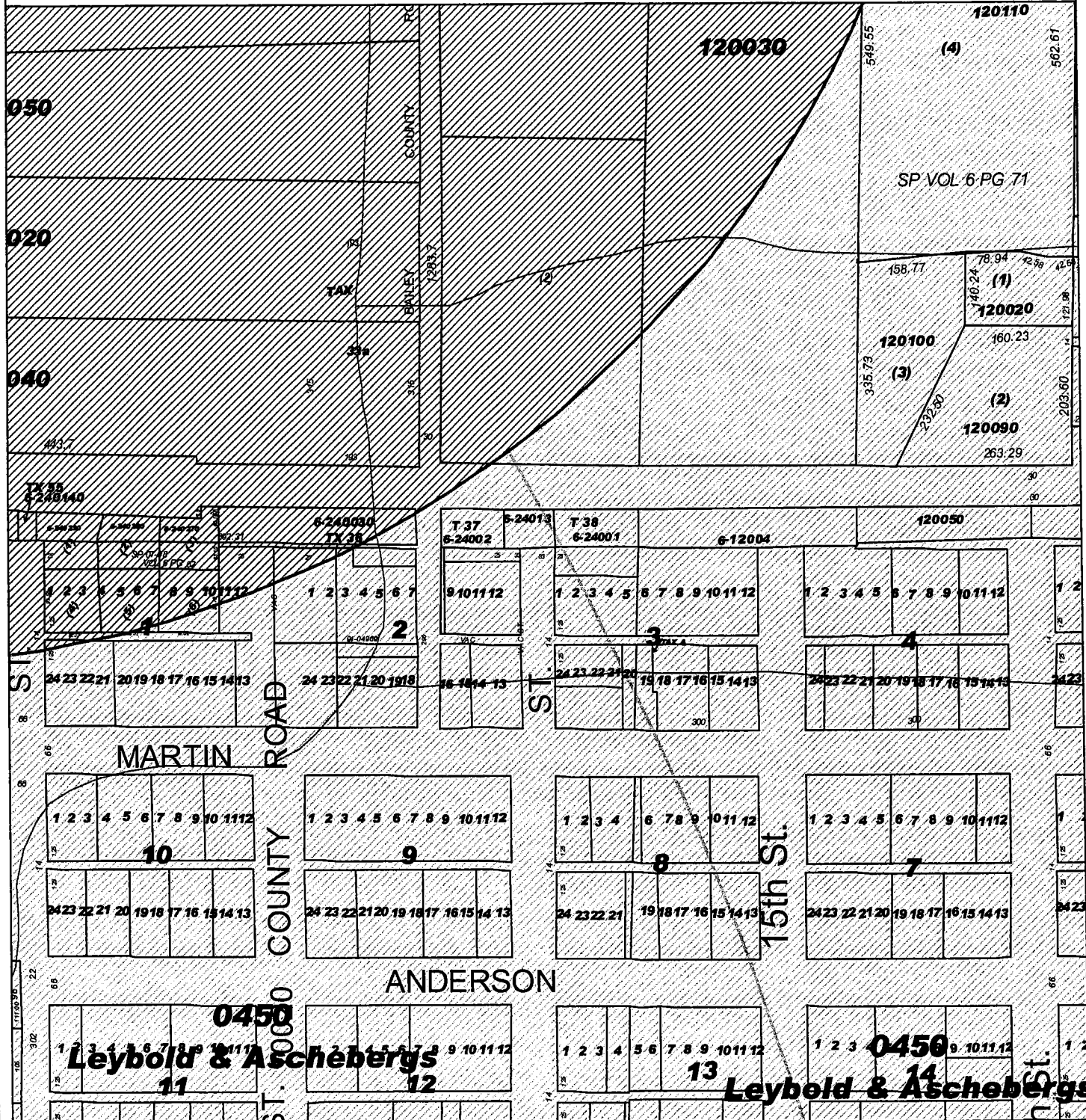
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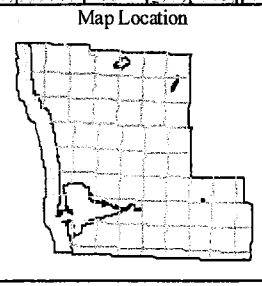


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Grays Harbor County Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas Map



- Aquifer_rechrg
- Wellheads
 - Group "A"
 - Group "B"
- Wellhead Protection Areas
 - Low Susceptibility
 - Moderate Susceptibility
 - High Susceptibility
 - Unrated
 - Not Been Rated



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From: Ryan Harriman
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 2:48 PM
To: sepaunit@ecy.wa.gov; Bob Zeigler (SEPAdesk@dfw.wa.gov)
Subject: Case 2011-0992 MDNS
Attachments: Case 2011-0992 MDNS.pdf

Importance: High

September 28, 2011

Washington State Department of Ecology
Environmental Review Section
P.O. Box 47703
Olympia, WA 98504

RE: *Mitigated Determination of Non-significance*, Case 2011-0992

Permit Coordinator:

Please find enclosed and process accordingly a Mitigated Determination of Non-significance (MDNS) for Case 2011-0992.

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Enclosed is a copy of the MDNS, SEPA Checklist, and associated maps. If you have any questions concerning this permit and/or materials please contact me at (360) 249-5579 or at rharriman@co.grays-harbor.wa.us.

Best regards,

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Land Use Planner
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Subject: Case 2011-0992 and Case 2011-0994 MDNS Public Notices
Attachments: Case 2011-0994 MDNS Notice.doc; Case 2011-0992 MDNS Notice.doc

Importance: High

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Please publish the attached notices in this weeks edition of the Vidette.

Thank you!

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GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

STATE OF WASHINGTON

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Case 2011-0992

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Any person aggrieved by this threshold determination may file an appeal in Superior Court, pursuant to the Washington State Land Use Petition Act RCW 36.70C, within 21-days from (a) the date the Grays Harbor County Building Official issues the building permit, or (b) if appealed to the Grays Harbor County Building Codes Advisory Council, the date of final decision by the Council regarding such appeal, whichever is later.

Responsible Official:	Ryan Harriman
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Date:	September 28, 2011

Ryan Harriman

From: Russ Esses
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 11:34 AM
To: Ryan Harriman
Cc: Ron Merila
Subject: 17th Street railroad crossing closure proposal Case 2011-0992

Ryan, The road department requests that the railroad do the following if they close this crossing:

- 1). Construct a cul-de-sac turnaround on the north side of the existing crossing that meets the county standards and construct a turnaround on the south side of the existing crossing that meets the city standards. Install dead end road signs and end of road object markers. Thanks Russ

Ryan Harriman

From: MChat@thevidette.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 10:16 AM
To: Ryan Harriman
Subject: Re: Case 2011-0992 and Case 2011-0994 MDNS Public Notices

Hi Ryan,

I've received these two and they are set to run 9/29.

Thanks!

Marisa

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County of Grays Harbor)

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M. Salzer

Subscribed and sworn to me before
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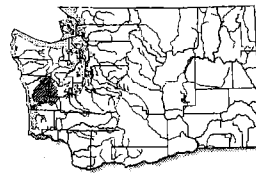


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October 14, 2011

Ryan Harriman, Land Use Planner
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Dear Mr. Harriman:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the mitigated determination of nonsignificance for the Closure of At-Grade Highway Railroad Crossing project (Case 2011-0992) located in Elma as proposed by Steve Hefley, Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) reviewed the environmental checklist and has the following comment(s):

SEPA REVIEWER: Sonia Mendoza

WATER QUALITY CONTACT: Stephanie Jackson (360) 407-6294

Any discharge of sediment-laden runoff or other pollutants to waters of the state is in violation of Chapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution Control, and WAC 173-201A, Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington, and is subject to enforcement action.

Erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading, or construction. These control measures must be effective to prevent stormwater runoff from carrying soil and other pollutants into surface water or storm drains that lead to waters of the state. Sand, silt, clay particles, and soil will damage aquatic habitat and are considered to be pollutants.

Ecology's comments are based upon information provided by the lead agency. As such, they may not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations that must be obtained or legal requirements that must be fulfilled in order to carry out the proposed action.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these comments, please contact the appropriate reviewing staff listed above.

Department of Ecology
Southwest Regional Office

(SM:11-4751)

cc: Stephanie Jackson, WQ
Steve Hefley, Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad (Applicant)