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David Poucher, Mayor
City of White Salmon
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RE: City of White Salmon, WA Notice of Intent for a New Quiet Zone

BNSF Railway is in receipt of the City of White Salmon's (City) Notice of Intent (NOI) dated January 15, 2009 to create a new quiet zone containing the following crossings:

USDOT #	CROSSING NAME
090164L	South Dock Grade Road

In accordance with FRA's Final Horn Rule ("Rule"), BNSF is writing this letter to comment on the proposed quiet zone. The following comments are based upon requirements set forth by FRA's train horn rule.

BNSF understands the City plans to install supplemental safety measures, (SSMs) in the form of mountable medians with reflective traffic channelization devices. We request that the City reconsider SSMs recommended by BNSF at the diagnostic meeting. Please refer to Appendix A of the Rule to satisfy requirements set forth for SSM installation and compliance. Please consider the posted vehicular speed for the road and the type of vehicles using the road. Mountable medians are designed to accommodate a paddle every three feet.

BNSF further understands that there is gated access approximately 30'-40' from the gate arm. The City will need to confer with FRA to make the determination of whether or not this gate is allowed under the Rule.

Upon completion of construction, please contact me to ensure all BNSF requirements for construction have been met. BNSF reserves the right to further comment as construction takes place. Once construction is complete, BNSF will require a written certification of completion from the City. Once this is received by BNSF, and all other requirements are met, the City may issue the Notice of Establishment for the quiet zone implementation.

Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Regards,

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