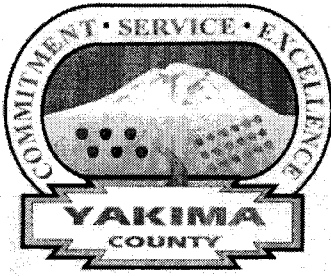


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October 22, 2012

Yakima County Public Services – Roads and Transportation Division
Attn: John Hood
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Yakima, WA 98901

RE: Closure of North Stevens Road and construction of a gravel hammerhead

Dear Mr. Hood:

This letter is in response to your request for a determination on the requirements for environmental review to close North Stevens Road at the BNSF railroad tracks and construct a gravel hammerhead. We have reviewed this proposal and determined that since the project is a Yakima County project, that it takes place outside of BNSF Right-of-Way, and no SEPA thresholds have been exceeded, the proposal does not require SEPA review.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Byron J. Gumz
Environmental and Natural Resources Project Planner
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