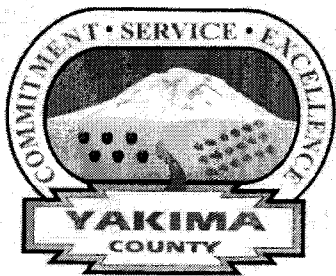


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October 22, 2012

Yakima County Public Services – Roads and Transportation Division  
Attn: John Hood  
128 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Fourth Floor Courthouse  
Yakima, WA 98901

RE: Closure of Barnhart 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 and critical areas review to close Barnhart 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  
Yakima County Public Services – Planning Division

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