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## STATE OF WASHINGTON

### STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Case 2011-0994

### *Revised Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS)*

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**PROPERTY OWNER:** Same

**LOCATION OF CURRENT PROPOSAL:** The proposed action is located north of Satsop, within the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 31, 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:

(a) **EARTH.** To mitigate for probable significant adverse impacts of construction to the natural environment:

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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 Remove all roadway from the south end of the Hewitt St, Foss Ave intersection to the railroad tracks and restore the ground to adjacent terrain and natural vegetation, to give the roadway the appearance of a tee intersection. Install a two direction large arrow (W1-7) sign on the south side of the intersection, facing Hewitt Street.
2. Similar de-construction of the roadway surface shall be done on the south side of the railroad tracks to the limits of the railroad south right-of-way line and a type 3 barricade installed to stop northbound Hewitt St traffic.
3. Reconstruct the Foss Street/Monte-Elma Road intersection to accommodate the emergency service vehicles and truck traffic that currently use Hewitt St.
4. Install a dead end road sign and end of road object markers.

**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.

## **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**


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**Responsible Official:** Ryan Harriman      Signature:   
**Title:** Land Use Planner

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**Importance:** High

October 20, 2011

Washington State Department of Ecology  
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RE: Withdraw of original *Mitigated Determination of Non-significance*, Case 2011-0994

Permit Coordinator:

Please find enclosed and process accordingly the *Revised* Mitigated Determination of Non-significance (MDNS) for Case 2011-0994. 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](mailto:rharriman@co.grays-harbor.wa.us).

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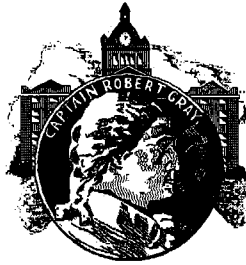
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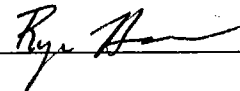
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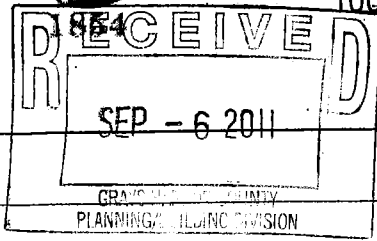
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## ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

### Purpose of 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

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1. Project Title: <i>Proposed closure of at-grade highway/railroad crossings in Grays Harbor County, WA.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Applicant: <i>Puget Sound &amp; Pacific Railroad (PSAP)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Address and Phone: <i>411 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Elma, WA Phone: (360) 482-4994 Contact: Steve L. Hefley, General Manager</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Date checklist prepared: <i>February 7, 2011</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Agency requiring checklist: <i>Grays Harbor County</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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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 17<sup>th</sup> 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>	✓
11. Location of proposal including section, township, range and parcel number.  <i>The project is located at the at-grade highway/railroad crossings N 17<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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>	
<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>	<p><i>minimal</i> </p>
<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>	<p><i>Where is the asphalt going?</i> </p>
<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>	
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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>	<p><i>minimal grading</i> </p>
<b>2. AIR</b>	
<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>	
<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>	
<p>c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: <i>Not Applicable</i></p>	
<b>3. WATER</b>	
<b>a. Surface:</b>	
<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 17<sup>th</sup> Street Crossing. According to the National Wetland Inventory (NWI) map, a palustrine emergent wetland is also located approximately 530 feet northeast of the 17<sup>th</sup> 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>	
<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>	<p><i>no shorelines</i> </p>

<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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>b. Ground:</b></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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>c. Water Runoff (including storm water):</b></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 style="text-align: center;"><b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b></p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>4. PLANTS</b></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>	✓
<p><b>5. ANIMALS</b></p>	
<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>	✓
<p><b>6. ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES</b></p>	
<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>	✓

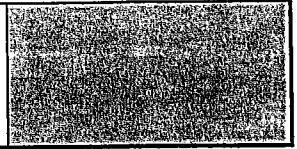
7. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	OFFICE USE ONLY
<p>a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe. No.</p>	<p>✓</p>
<p>1. Describe special emergency services 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>✓</p>
<p>2. Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any. <i>None.</i></p>	<p>✓</p>
<p>b. Noise</p>	<p>✓</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>✓</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>✓</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>	<p>✓</p>
<p><b>8. LAND AND SHORELINE USE</b></p>	
<p>a. What is the current use of site and adjacent properties? <i>Transportation corridor for railroad and highway.</i></p>	<p>✓</p>
<p>b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe. No.</p>	<p>✓</p>
<p>c. Describe any structures on site. <i>There are no structures on the site.</i></p>	<p>✓</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>✓</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>	<p>✓</p>
<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>	<p>✓</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>	✓
<b>9. HOUSING</b>	
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>	✓
	<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>
c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: <i>Not applicable.</i>	✓
<b>10. AESTHETICS</b>	
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>	✓
<b>11. LIGHT AND GLARE</b>	
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>	✓
<b>12. RECREATION</b>	
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>	✓
<b>13. HISTORIC AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION</b>	

<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><b>14. TRANSPORTATION</b></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. 17<sup>th</sup> 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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b></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><b>15. PUBLIC SERVICES</b></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><b>16. UTILITIES</b></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.*

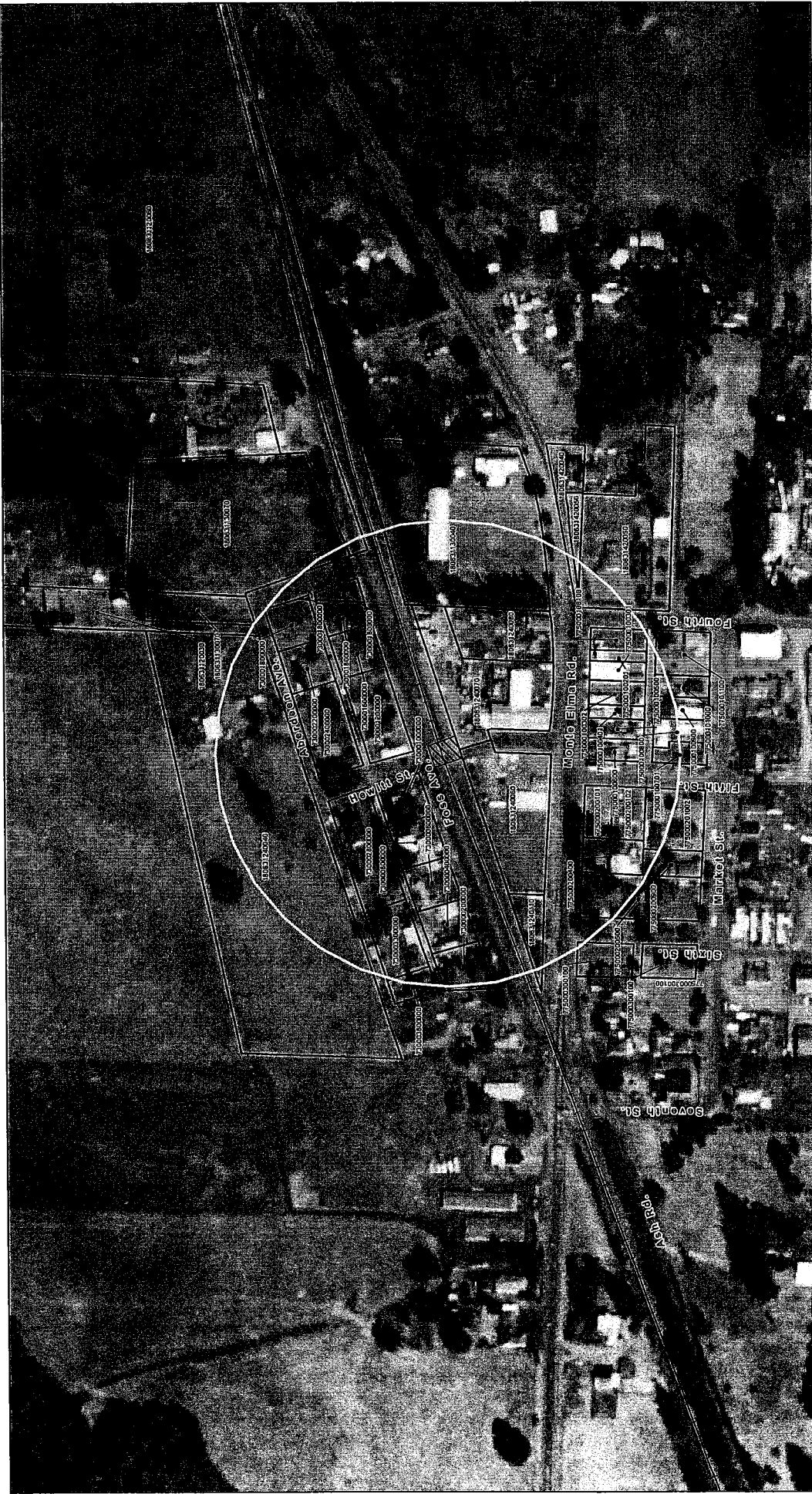


**C. SIGNATURE**

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



**Legend**

- ▨ PSAP Closure
- ▭ 500-ft. Crossing Buffer
- ▭ Parcel Impacted by Crossing
- Railroad



Hewitt Street - Grays Harbor County, WA  
 USDOT #096649C

PUGET SOUND AND PACIFIC RAILROAD

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

	)	DOCKET NO. TR-110157
	)	
<b>Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad</b>	)	PETITION FOR THE CLOSURE
_____	)	OF A HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE
Petitioner,	)	CROSSING
	)	
vs.	)	
<b>Grays Harbor County</b>	)	
_____	)	
Respondent	)	
	)	USDOT CROSSING NO. <b>096649C</b>
	)	<b>Hewitt Street</b>
.....	)	

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*

<b>Puget Sound &amp; Pacific Railroad</b>
Petitioner
_____
Signature
<b>411 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street</b>
Street Address
<b>Elma, WA 98541</b>

City, State and Zip Code
Same
Mailing Address, if different than the street address
<b>Steve L. Hefley</b>
Contact Person Name
<b>(360) 482-4994; steve.hefley@railamerica.com</b>
Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

*Section 2 – Respondent's Information*

<b>Grays Harbor County</b>
Respondent
<b>100 West Broadway, Suite 31</b>
Street Address
<b>Montesano, WA 98563</b>
City, State and Zip Code
Mailing Address, if different than the street address
<b>Russ Esses</b>
Contact Person Name
<b>(360) 249-4222; pwd@co.grays-harbor.wa</b>
Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

**Section 3 – Crossing Location**

1. Existing highway/roadway Hewitt Street

2. Existing railroad Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad

3. USDOT Crossing No. 096649C

4. Located in the \_\_\_ 1/4 of the \_\_\_ 1/4 of Sec. 31 , Twp. 18 , Range 06 W.M.

5. GPS location, if known: Latitude 47.00336; Longitude -123.48279

7. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth) 51.9

8. City N/A 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 95 Vehicle speed limit **25 MPH**

3. Trucks (commercial vehicles) are what percent of average daily traffic 7.0%

4. Number of school buses over the crossing each day 0

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 **40 mph** \_\_\_\_\_

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.**

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2. Describe the area currently served by the crossing, including the approximate number of homes or businesses that might be affected by the closure: **Hewitt St. connects a small residential area to Monte Elma Rd. (Old 410 Highway) crossing the PSAP. (See attached "096649C Parcels Table" for affected homes or businesses.)**

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3. How far is the nearest alternate access across the tracks from the crossing proposed for closure? **Approximately 675 feet.**

4. Describe the alternate access route, including distance and driving time: **The alternate route proposed is to use Foss Ave. to connect from Monte Elma Rd. to the residential area.**

**The worst-case additional driving distance is approximately 1200', or about 1 minute additional driving time.**

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*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-Hewitt 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. 096649C

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

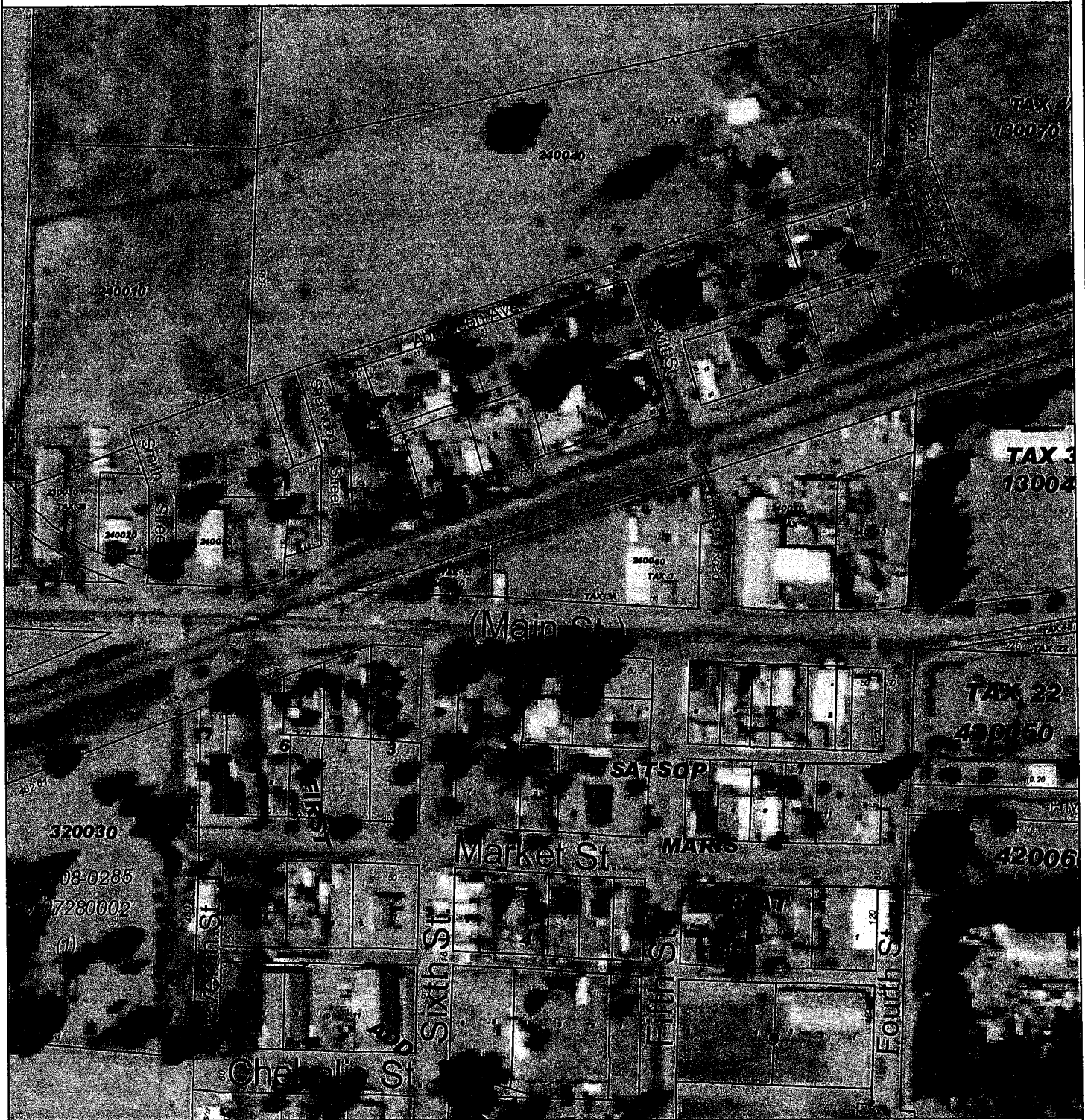
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HEWITT ROAD - ELMA, WA

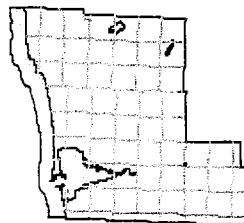
Properties within 500' of crossing

APN	OWNER	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	ZIP4	SITUS
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180631120030	MYHRE JIM D	8441 BAIRD RD NE	OLYMPIA	WA	98516		00393 W ABERDEEN AVE
180631240040	GOLDBERG LARRY D	1801 SHERWOOD LANE	ABERDEEN	WA	98520		00000
730001800000	HARDING BRIAN D ET AL	C/O BARBARA HARDING	SATSOP	WA	98583		00409 ABERDEEN AVE
730002200000	HARDING JERRY D	PO BOX 125	SATSOP	WA	98583		00239 N HEWITT ST
730002400000	PROSCH TERRY & JANEEN	PO BOX 27	SATSOP	WA	98583		00240 N HEWITT ST
730002800000	EATON RICHARD E	PO BOX 124	SATSOP	WA	98583		
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730001200000	HARDING JERRY D	C/O BARBARA HARDING	SATSOP	WA	98583		00510 W FOSS AVE
730001000000	CORNWELL JOHN R & P J TRUST	526 N SYLVIA	MONTESANO	WA	98563		00000
730003300000	GOODMAN INEZ J	PO BOX 232	SATSOP	WA	98583		00606 W FOSS AVE
730003600000	MADISON ROGER D	PO BOX 255	ELMA	WA	98541		00520 W FOSS AVE
730000800000	ORTQUIST CINDY J	PO BOX 174	SATSOP	WA	98583		00530 W FOSS AVE
730000600000	TICKLE JIM & KERRY	PO BOX 302	SATSOP	WA	98583		00540 W FOSS AVE
730000400000	GOODMAN INEZ J	PO BOX 232	SATSOP	WA	98583		00604 W FOSS AVE
730000200000	PIPER DANIEL W & REAGAN K	1624 W MARTIN	ELMA	WA	98541		00843 MONTE ELMA RD
180631240080	MGJ INC	4009 S 297TH PL	AUBURN	WA	98001		00833 MONTE ELMA RD
180631240070	MGJ INC	4009 S 297TH PL	AUBURN	WA	98001		00829 MONTE ELMA RD
180631240060	ITOWU2 FAMILY LP	PO BOX 216	SATSOP	WA	98583		00821 MONTE ELMA RD
180631240110	CENTURYTEL OF WASHINGTON INC	ATTN: ROBERT D RASH & ASSOC	PLANO	TX	75025	0888	00000
180631120060	VALENTINE REX & DIANE	144 HURD RD	ELMA	WA	98541		00000
180631130070	HARDING BRIAN D ET AL	C/O BARBARA HARDING	SATSOP	WA	98583		
730001800000	HARDING BRIAN D ET AL	C/O BARBARA HARDING	SATSOP	WA	98583		00853 MONTE ELMA RD
180631130040	SATSOP SCHOOL DISTRICT #104	PO BOX 96	SATSOP	WA	98583		00850 MONTE ELMA RD
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180631420050	MUSGROVE TRACY C	PO BOX 208	SATSOP	WA	98583		00000
775000200101	HARRIS ROBERT & JOYCE	1361 JORNADA ST	PAHRUMP	NV	89048		00830 MONTE ELMA RD
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775000200500	ROBERTS RONALD L	%TERRY WILLIS	MONTESANO	WA	98563		00102 S FIFTH ST
775000200400	NUXOLL JEANETTE J	PO BOX 144	SATSOP	WA	98583		00106 S FIFTH ST
775000200102	ZANE LLC	1517 N FAIRVIEW ST	SANTA ANA	CA	92706		00508 W MARKET ST
775000201002	SCHHEELKE CURTIS H & JANICE E	PO BOX 222	SATSOP	WA	98583		00410 W MARKET ST
775000200900	MOONEY MARVIN H	PO BOX 57	SATSOP	WA	98583		00406 W MARKET ST
775000100701	WERTS KAREN L	PO BOX 24	SATSOP	WA	98583		00404 W MARKET ST
775000100800	BIRCHALL DOLORES TRUST	C/O PO BOX 113	SATSOP	WA	98583		00110 S FOURTH ST
775000100900	GULEY ROBERT W & DIANE J	70 KEYS RD W	ELMA	WA	98541		00846 MONTE ELMA RD
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775000101100	DORFLER BRUCE	PO BOX 91	MONTESANO	WA	98563		
180631420050	MUSGROVE TRACY C	PO BOX 208	SATSOP	WA	98583		
775000300100	FIRST METHODIST CHURCH	PO BOX 55	SATSOP	WA	98583		

# Grays Harbor County 2009 Ortho



Map Location



Grays Harbor County  
Planning & Building

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NOTE: This map is for reference only.





# Forest Practices Application Review System

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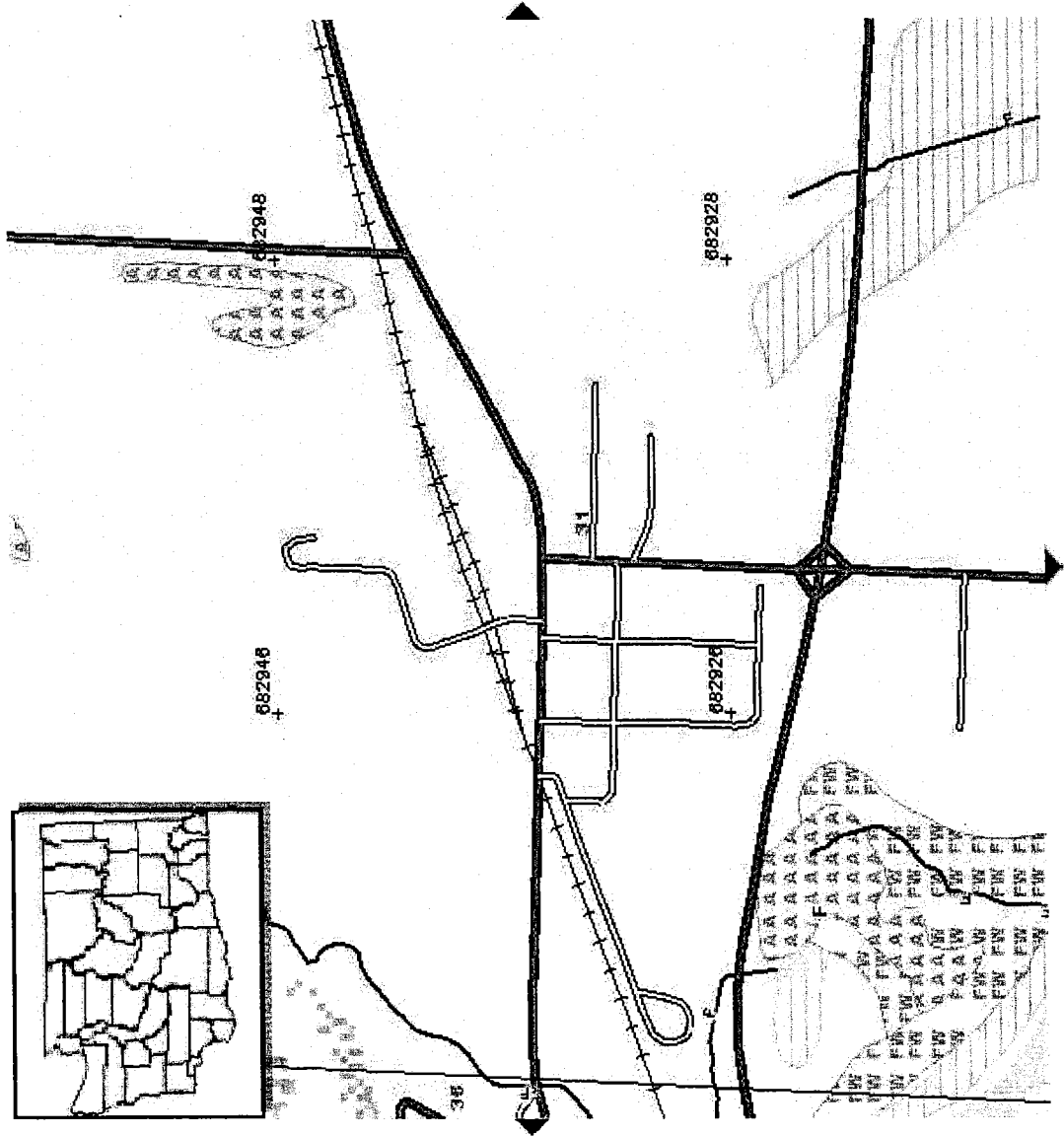
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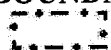

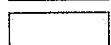
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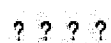
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-  County Boundary
-  Townships
-  Section Survey Lines


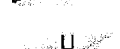


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-  Open Water
-  Flats/Gravel Bars
-  Ice
-  Man Made Feature
-  Wet Area
-  Unknown/Unclassified



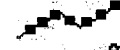
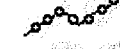


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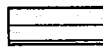


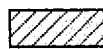
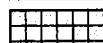
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-  Water Type Change

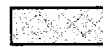
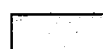
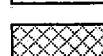
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-  Unpaved Road / Surface Unknown
-  Abandoned Road (not on Activity map)
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-  Trail
-  Railroad

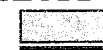
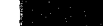
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-  Site Class I
-  Site Class II
-  Site Class III
-  Site Class IV
-  Site Class V




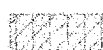

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-  Non-Commercial or Marginally Commercial
-  No Data
-  Red Alder

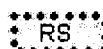

## SLOPE – On Resource Map only

-  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.
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See Forest Practices Rules WAC 222-16-010 for a more complete definition of site class.

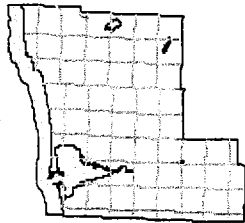
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# Grays Harbor County USGS Map



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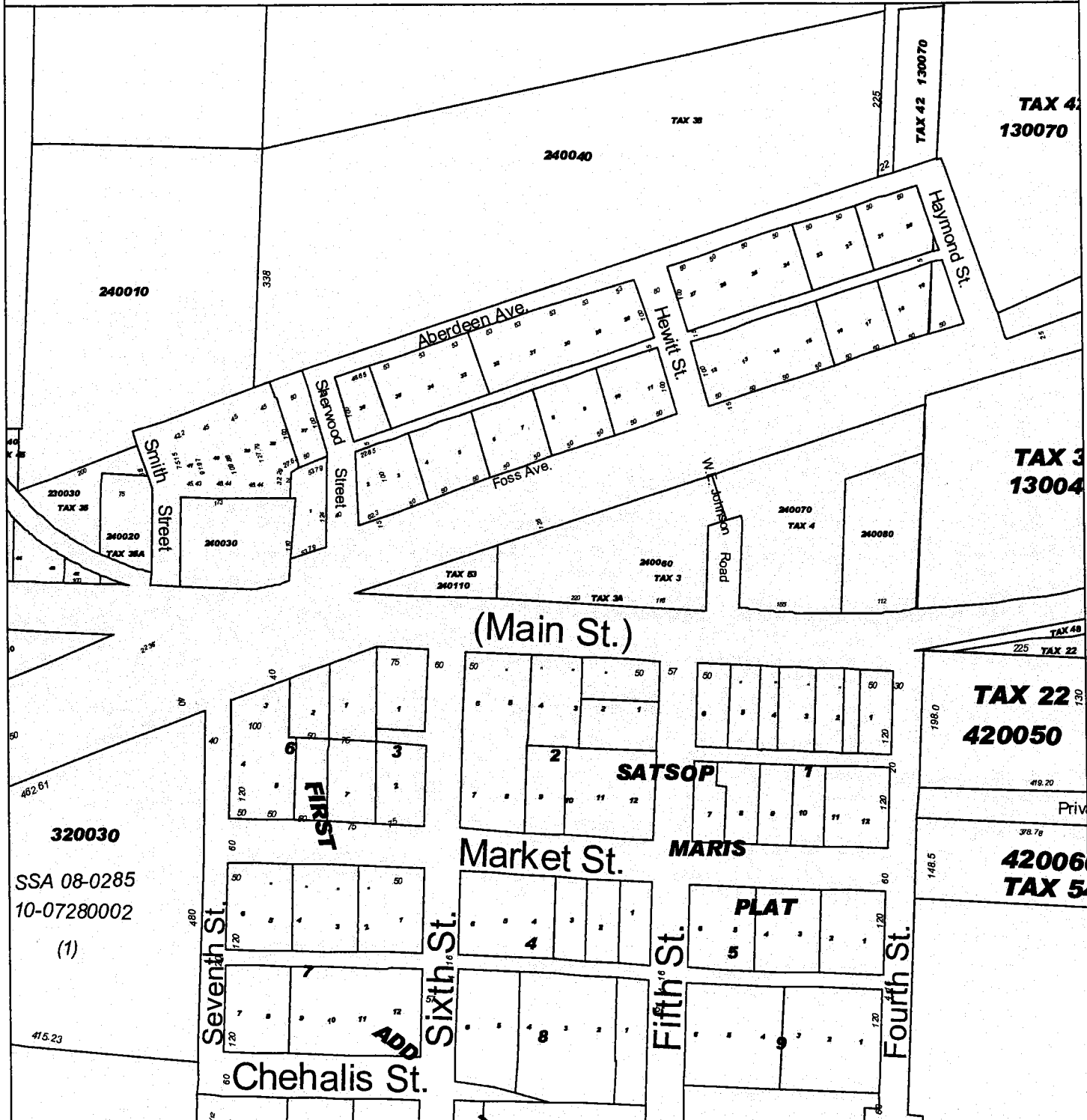
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# Grays Harbor County Flood Plain Map



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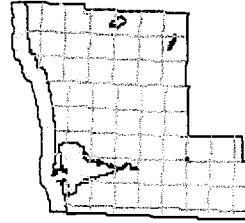
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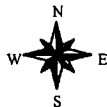
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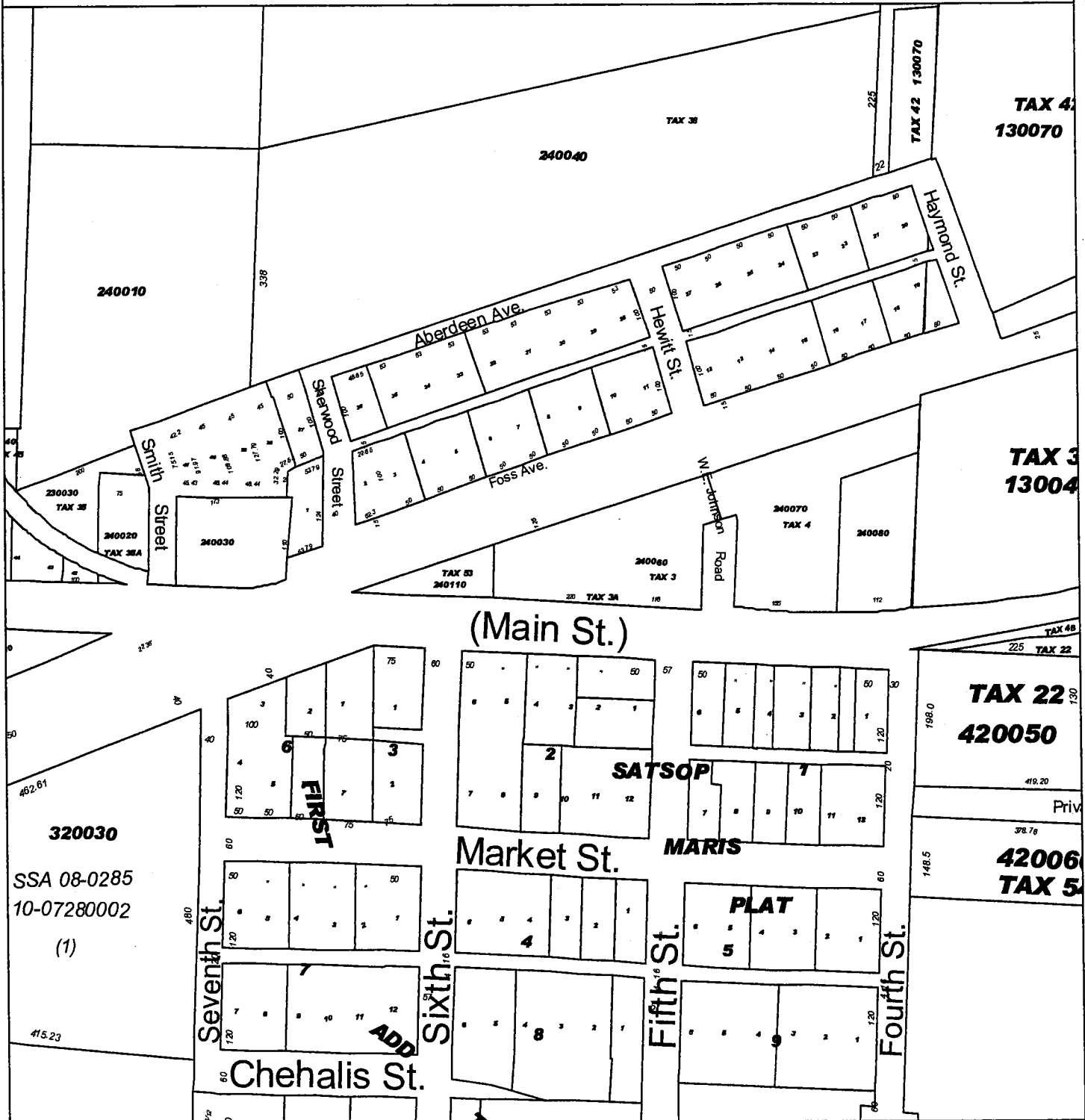
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- Flood.shp
- Zone A - 100 Year Flooding
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  - Zone X500 - 500 Year Flooding



# Grays Harbor County National Wetlands Inventory Map

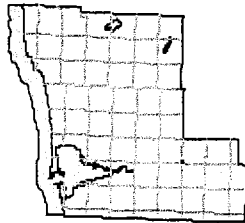


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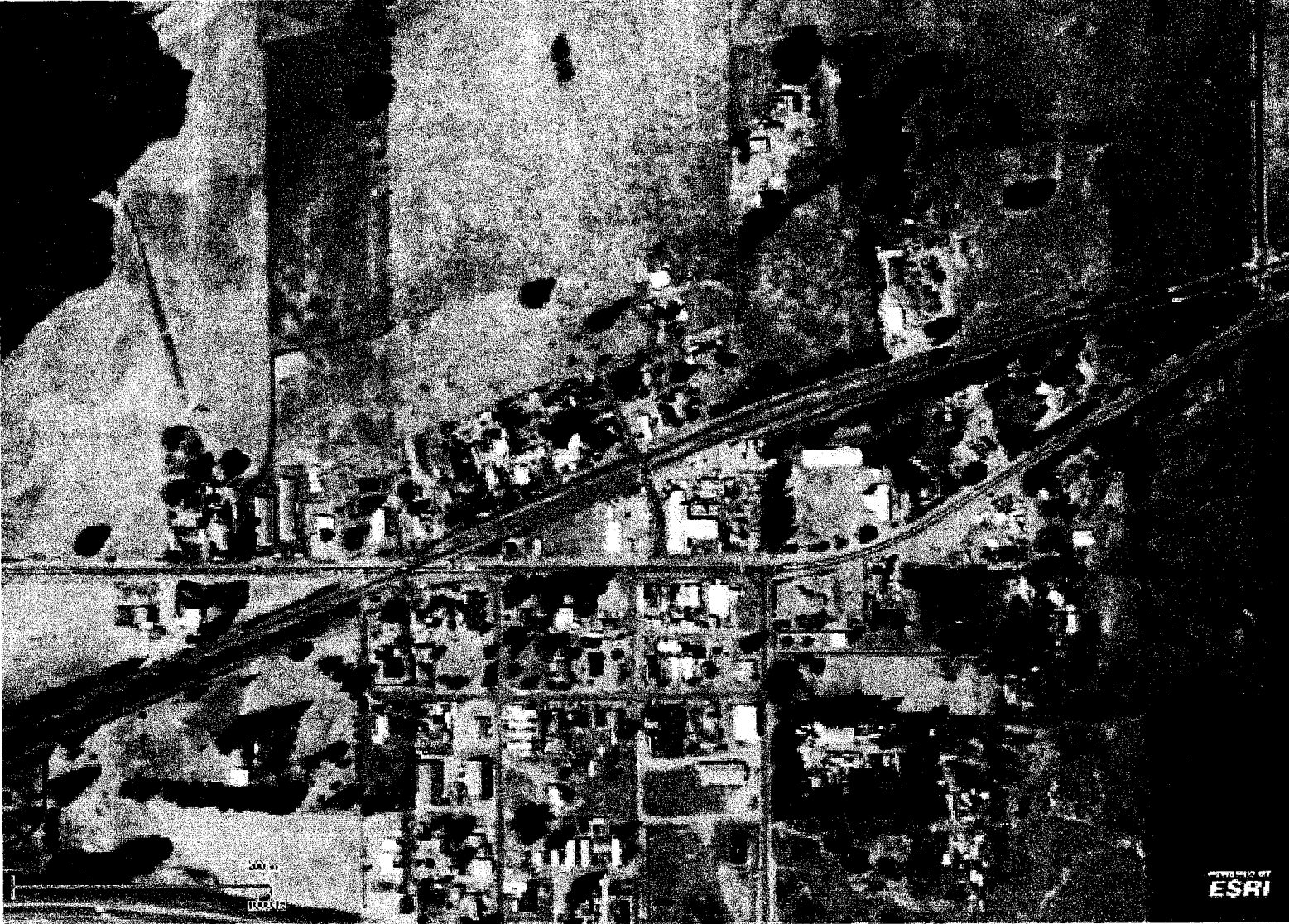


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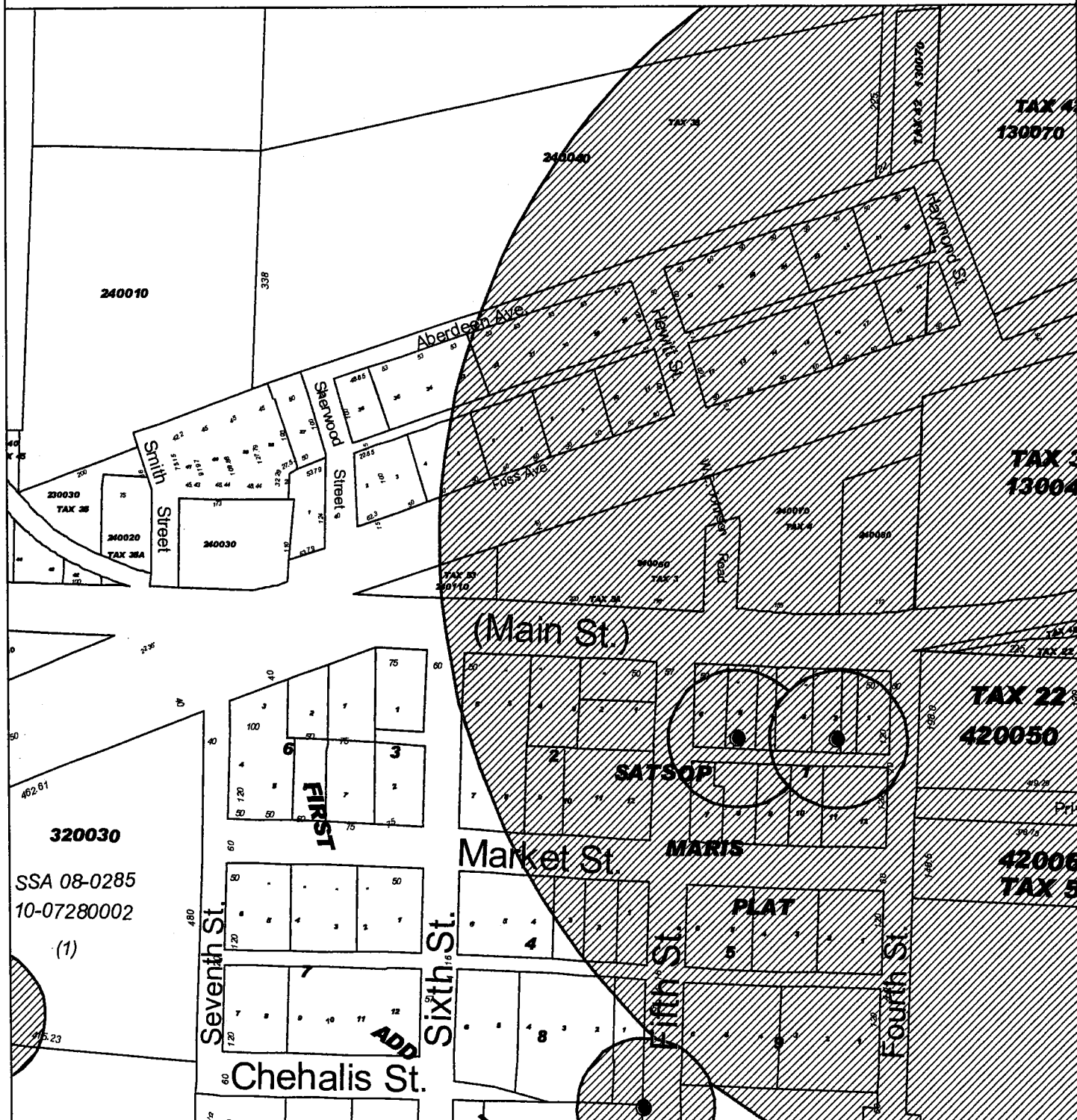
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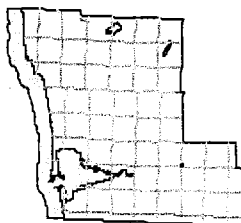


# Grays Harbor County Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas Map

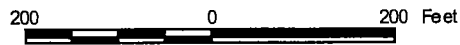


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- Wellheads
- Group "A"
- Group "B"
- Wellhead Protection Areas
- Low Susceptibility
- Moderate Susceptibility
- High Susceptibility
- Unrated
- Not Been Rated

Map Location



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## Ryan Harriman

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**Attachments:** Case 2011-0994 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 2011-0994

Permit Coordinator:

Please find enclosed and process accordingly a Mitigated Determination of Non-significance (MDNS) for Case 2011-0994.

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The proposed action is located north of Satsop, within the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 31, Township 18 N, Range 6 W. W.M., Grays Harbor County, WA.

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.

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](mailto:rharriman@co.grays-harbor.wa.us).

Best regards,

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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

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### STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Case 2011-0994

### *Notice of Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS)*

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:** Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad (PSAP) proposes to close the Hewitt Street at-grade highway/railroad crossing to vehicular traffic. The proposed action entails removing the existing crossing surface and grade crossing warning active or passive system along with the roadway on each side of the railroad track to the railroad right-of-way line. PSAP proposes to install barricades at the railroad right-of-way line to prevent ingress onto the railroad's property. PSAP will install signage in advance of the railroad crossing to indicate crossing closure.

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**APPLICANT:** Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad (PSAP), 411 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Elma, WA 98541

**PROPERTY OWNER:** Same

**LOCATION OF CURRENT PROPOSAL:** The proposed action is located north of Satsop, within the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 31, Township 18 N, Range 6 W. W.M., Grays Harbor County, WA.

**LEAD AGENCY:** Grays Harbor County

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**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:

(a) **EARTH.** To mitigate for probable significant adverse impacts of construction to the natural environment:

1. The applicants and/or representatives shall provide means of erosion, siltation and drainage control on the construction site. These mitigation measures shall be in place prior to, during, and after construction activity.
2. Asphalt shall be deposited in an approved waste disposal site identified by applicant prior to initiating construction actions.

(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.

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

1. SEPA Environmental Checklist, dated September 2, 2011.
2. Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington, Washington State Department of Ecology.

#### **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

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This MDNS is issued pursuant to the authority of GHCC 18.04.120, WAC 197-11-350, and RCW 43.21C.135. Grays Harbor County will not act on this building construction proposal for a minimum of 14-days. Written comments must be submitted to the Responsible Official at the address listed below by October 14, 2011.

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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Grays Harbor County  
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Montesano, Washington 98563-3614  
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Hi Ryan,

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

Thanks!

Marisa

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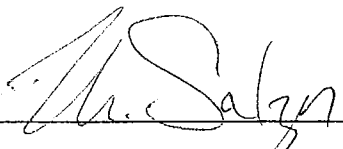
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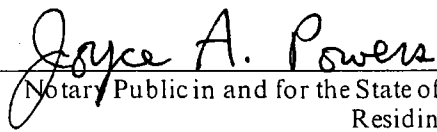
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### GHC SEPA 2011-0994

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My Commission Expires March 14, 2014

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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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2. Asphalt shall be deposited in an approved waste disposal site identified by applicant prior to initiating construction actions.

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

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

1. SEPA Environmental Checklist, dated September 2, 2011.

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

### NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

This MDNS is issued pursuant to the authority of GHCC 18.04.120, WAC 197-11-350, and RCW 43.21C.135. Grays Harbor County will not act on this building construction proposal for a minimum of 14 days. Written comments must be submitted to the Responsible Official at the address listed below by October 14, 2011.

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## Ryan Harriman

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**From:** Ron Merila  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 29, 2011 2:55 PM  
**To:** Ryan Harriman  
**Cc:** Russ Esses  
**Subject:** FW: Hewitt St railroad crossing closure proposal Case 2011-0994 (rhm addl comments092911)

Ryan,

Should the Hewitt Street RR Crossing be removed, other work in addition to Russ' comments that should also be done:

Remove all roadway from the south end of the Hewitt St, Foss Ave intersection to the RR tracks and restore the ground to adjacent terrain and natural vegetation, to give the roadway the appearance of a tee intersection. Install a two direction large arrow (W1-7) sign on the south side of the intersection, facing Hewitt Street.

Similar de-construction of the roadway surface should be done on the south side of the RR tracks to the limits of the RR south right-of-way line and a type 3 barricade installed to stop northbound Hewitt St traffic.

ron merila

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Russ Esses  
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**To:** Ryan Harriman  
**Cc:** Ron Merila  
**Subject:** Hewitt St railroad crossing closure proposal Case 2011-0994

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September 2, 2011

Lee Napier, Director  
Grays Harbor County Planning Division  
100 West Broadway, Suite 31  
Montesano, WA 98563

Re: Potential Closure of Railroad Crossings  
WUTC TR-110157 (Hewitt Street) and TR-110162 (N. 17<sup>th</sup> St.)

Dear Mr. Napier:

Enclosed for your file is the Environmental Checklist which was originally submitted to you on February 16, 2011. We are resubmitting it with an original signature as you requested.

Sincerely,



Laura TZ Montgomery  
Attorney at Law  
montgomery@gleaveslaw.com

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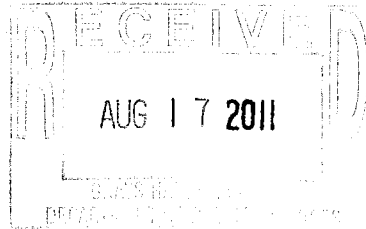
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August 15, 2011



Lee Napier, Director  
Grays Harbor County Planning Division  
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Re: Potential Closure of Railroad Crossings  
WUTC TR-110157 (Hewitt Street) and TR-110162 (N. 17<sup>th</sup> St.)

Dear Mr. Napier,

Enclosed please find additional copies of the following supporting documents that accompanied the submission of the SEPA checklist to Grays Harbor County in February of 2011:

- Copy of letter addressed to Russ Esses from Steve Hefley dated February 16, 2011;
- Grays Harbor County SEPA Checklist;
- Exhibit prints – 1 vicinity map for each crossing (total 2 exhibits);
- WUTC Petition for the Closure of a highway-rail grade crossing – 1 copy for each of the 2 crossing closures; and
- Listing of affected homes and businesses within 500 feet of the project – 1 copy for each of the 2 crossings.

We believe that all these documents were submitted to Grays Harbor County back in February but are sending them to you now at your request.

Under separate cover we will be submitting the CLEAR applications and fees as per your request.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura TZ Montgomery".

Laura TZ Montgomery,

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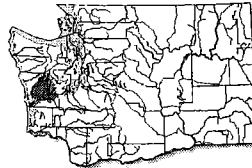


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October 14, 2011

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 2011-0994) located near Elma and Satsop 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:11-4750)

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