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From: Hunter, Kathy (UTC) [khunter@utc.wa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 9:26 AM
To: Kent McHenry
Cc: Wagner, Richard W
Subject: Barnhart and Stevens - Proposed crossing closures

Kent,

UTC has received six comments in opposition to the closure of the Barnhart crossing and one for Stevens. Based on conversations with Yakima County residents we anticipate more comments to be filed in opposition to the closure of both crossings.

UTC staff has extended the public comment deadline to February 25, 2013. Legal notices with the extended comment deadline will run in the Yakima Herald on February 10 and 17, 2013.

There are currently signs posted at both crossings notifying the public of the possible closure and indicating a comment due date of February 6. Can you send one of your staff out to each crossing and have them, using a large black permanent pen, change the date from "6" to "25"? I won't have a staff person in the Eastern Washington region until next week and ideally the signs should be updated today or tomorrow.

Thank you.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Barnhart Road Highway-Rail Grade Crossing

Yakima County has filed a petition with the Utilities and Transportation Commission to close this railroad crossing. If you would like to comment on this petition, email your comments to comments@utc.wa.gov or send your written comments to:

David Owens, Executive Director and Secretary
Utilities & Transportation Commission
PO Box 47798, Olympia, WA 98544-2798

Please include our reference number, UT-129488. You must submit your comments by February 6, 2013. If you have questions about the proposed petition, call Julie Cogg at (360) 864-5113 or send them an email at jcogg@utc.wa.gov

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From: Hunter, Kathy (UTC) [khunter@utc.wa.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2013 11:50 AM
To: Kent McHenry
Subject: Update - Crossing Closure Petitions for Stevens & Barnhart
Attachments: Newspaper Legal Notice Barnhart and Stevens Yakima County 1-10-13.docx; TR-121647 Stevens Legal PUBLIC NOTICE at the Crossing.docx; TR-121648 Barnhart Legal PUBLIC NOTICE at the Crossing.docx

Hi Kent,

UTC staff will be posting notices at the Stevens and Barnhart crossings this week. These notices provide information to the public on opportunities to comment on the proposals. The two notices are attached for your information.

Also, The Yakima Herald will be running a legal notice in the newspaper on January 27, and February 3, 2013, inviting comment. I've also attached this notice for your reference.

I suggest you post information on the county's website about the potential closure of these crossings as well.

Also, did the county contact first responders in the area that could potentially be impacted if the crossing closure is approved. Would emergency response to citizens be impacted, if so, what would the impact be?

The cut-off for the filing of public comments is February 6, 2013. If no comments are received in opposition of the closure, I will begin drafting orders for consideration at the UTC Open Meeting.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks -

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LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposal to Close Two Highway-Rail Grade Crossings in Yakima County.

Yakima County has filed petitions with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) to close two railroad crossings. The crossings are located at:

North Stevens Road	UTC Reference No. TR-121647
Barnhart Road	UTC Reference No. TR-121648

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Please include the Commission's reference number(s) in your comments. You must submit your comments by February 6, 2013. If you have questions about the proposals, please call John Cupp at (360) 664-1113 or send him an email at jcupp@utc.wa.gov.