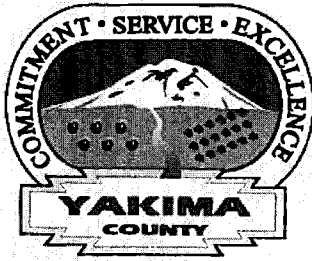


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DATE: December 21, 2012

TO: Yakima County Public Services and Interested Agencies

FROM: *JS* Jeff Spencer, Assistant Director of Planning

SUBJ: **SEP2012-00035 – North Stevens Road Hammerhead**  
Notice of Decision & Final Determination of Non-Significance

Enclosed is the Decision and Final Determination of Non-Significance for the proposal to close North Stevens Road where it crosses the BNSF railroad. A gravel hammerhead is proposed to allow vehicular traffic to turn around. The proposal has been **APPROVED**, and we have determined that it will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. Please review the attached documents for information on conditions of approval, and your appeal options.

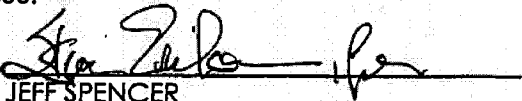
If you have any questions on the project or the appeal process, please contact Judy Pozarich, Senior Project Coordinator, at (509) 574-2300.

Encl.: Final Threshold Determination

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1. **Description of Proposal:** The Yakima County Planning Division has received a Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Environmental Checklist for the closure of North Stevens Road where it crosses the BNSF railroad. A gravel hammerhead is proposed to allow vehicular traffic to turn around.
2. **File Number:** SEP2012-00035
3. **Owner:** Yakima County Public Services  
Attn: Transportation Division  
128 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Fourth Floor County Courthouse  
Yakima, WA 98901
4. **Location of Proposal:** The North Stevens Road railroad crossing is located approximately 1 mile southwest of Toppenish, south of South Track Road.
5. **Lead Agency:** Yakima County Planning Division
6. **Determination:** The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after a careful review of the completed environmental checklist, and other information on file with the lead agency. This information (including all environmental documentation) is available to the public on request and can be examined in our offices during regular business hours. Environmental documents include the SEPA checklist, this threshold determination, and submittal materials.
7. **Comment and Appeal Information:** This Final MDNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2). There is no further comment on it. Yakima County Code Title 16B prohibits SEPA appeals on Type-1 or Type-2 project permits, consequently no administrative appeal of this final Threshold Determination is allowed (YCC 16B.06.070). For information on the comment or appeal processes, or on other issues relating to this proposal, contact Judy Pozarich, Senior Project Coordinator, at (509) 574-2300.
8. **SEPA Responsible Official:**   
JEFF SPENCER
9. **Position/Title:** Assistant Director of Planning
10. **Address:** 128 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Courthouse  
Yakima, WA 98901
11. **Date:** Dec 21, 2012