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Subject Northern Columbia Basin Railroad Project

This email is in response to the April 2, 2007 letter from Victoria Ruston in regards to the beginning of the environmental review for the proposed rail improvement and expansion project in the Moses Lake, Washington area.

I apologize for not making your requested response date of May 2, 2007.

Regionally, WSDOT - North Central Region does not foresee any significant environmental effects that could not be either avoided or mitigated. We assume you will proceed with the standard environmental review process which will address the areas of cultural, historical, and biological issues that will be along any proposed routes. We do not foresee any negative impacts to the highway transportation system from the initial proposed routes. There could be positive impacts if any at-grade highway and railroad crossings could be eliminated.

Please keep me posted and updated on your environmental review.



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