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RE: Northern Columbia Basin Railroad Project

Dear Ms Phinney:

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (WSPRC) has no resources that will be affected by this project.

WSPRC does not have jurisdiction over any permits or approvals that will affect the project.

WSPRC would strongly encourage project proponents to coordinate with staff from Grant County and the City of Moses Lake regarding potential cooperative efforts to develop Rails with Trails, which may enhance the regional trail system in that area. Improved non-motorized transportation corridors, and additional recreation that supports healthy lifestyles, would certainly be positive environmental impacts.

Thanks for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

Jim Harris
Region Manager

Cc: Bill Koss, Planning Program, manager
Mark Gillespie, Parks Development Region Manager

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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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Subject Farmland Protection Act information

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Hi Christa,

You will find Farmland Protection Policy Act information at the following web address:

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/fppa>

If you scroll to the bottom of the page you will find the link to AD1006 and instructions. Once you have completed your part of this form, please forward to me and I will complete NRCS responsibilities. I will need maps with details on alternative routes for the proposed rail lines in the Moses Lake, WA area.

Please call me if you have any questions.

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