

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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In the Matter of The
Burlington Northern and Santa Fe
Railway Company
Notice of Exemption to Abandon
Its Line of Railroad Between M.P.
3.27 in Quadlock, Washington and
M.P. 9.07 in Olympia, Washington

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Docket No. AB-6
(Sub No. 410X)

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The following information is submitted to the Surface Transportation Board by The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) in accordance with the Board's reporting requirements as set forth in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7 for the purpose of assisting the Board's preparation of an environmental document regarding BNSF's Notice of Exemption for abandonment of its line between M.P. 3.27 in Quadlock and M.P. 9.07 in Olympia, Thurston County, Washington, total distance of 5.80 miles.

(1) Proposed action and Alternatives: Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any railline and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable, detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

BNSF seeks to abandon and discontinue service of the line. A map of the line is attached as Exhibit A.

(2) Transportation system: Describe the effect of the proposed action on regional or local transportation systems and patterns. Estimate the amount of traffic (passenger or freight) that will be diverted to other transportation systems or modes as a result of the proposed action.

The proposed abandonment will have no effect on existing transportation systems or patterns as the line is out of service.

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(3) Land Use:

(i) Based on consultation with local and/or regional planning agencies and/or review of the official planning documents prepared by such agencies, state whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Describe any inconsistencies.

The proposed abandonment is consistent with local land use planning agencies. See Exhibit B, letter from the City of Lacey and Exhibit C, letter from the City of Olympia.

(ii) Based on consultation with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, state the effect of the proposed action on any prime agriculture land.

The proposed abandonment will not impact prime agricultural soils. See Exhibit D, letter from the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

(iii) If any action affects land or water uses within a designated coastal zone, include the coastal zone information required by § 1105.9

N/A

(iv) If the proposed action is abandonment, state whether or not the right-of-way is suitable for alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. § 10906 and explain why.

The right of way is suitable for use as a recreational trail that will connect the City of Lacey with the City of Olympia. See Exhibit B, letter from the City of Lacey and Exhibit C, letter from the City of Olympia.

(4) Energy:

(i) Describe the effect of the proposed action on transportation of energy.

To the best of BNSF's knowledge there are no undeveloped energy resources such as oil, natural gas or coal in the vicinity of this line.

(ii) Describe the effect of the proposed action on recyclable commodities.

This abandonment and discontinuance will not adversely affect movement or recovery of recyclable commodities as the line is out of service.

(iii) State whether the proposed action will result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency and explain why.

This abandonment will not result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency as the line is out of service.

(iv) If the proposed action will cause diversions from rail to motor carriage of more than:

(A) 1,000 rail carloads a year, or

(B) An average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year for any part of the affected line, quantify the resulting net change in the energy consumption and show the data and methodology used to arrive at the figure given.

There will be no diversions of traffic because the line is out of service.

(5) Air:

(i) If the proposed action will result in either:

(A). An increase in rail traffic of at least 100% (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least eight trains a day on any segment of the line effected by the proposed, or

No.

(B). An increase in rail yard activity of at least 100% (measured by carload activity), or

No.

(C). An average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on any affected road segment, quantify the anticipated effect on air emissions.

The action will not involve an increase in truck traffic of more than 10% or 50 vehicles per day on any affected road segment as the line is out of service.

(ii) If the proposed action affects a Class I or nonattainment area under the Clean Air Act, and will result in either:

(A) An increase in rail traffic of at least 50% (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least three train a day on any segment of rail line, or

(B) An increase in rail yard activity of at least 20% (measured by carload activity), or

(C) An average increase in truck traffic or more than 10-% of the average daily traffic of 50 vehicles a day on a given road segment, then state whether any expected increased emissions are within the parameters established by State implementation Plan. However, for a rail construction under 49 U.S.C. § 10901 (or 49 U.S.C. § 10505) or in a case involving the reinstatement of service over a previously abandoned line, only the three train a day threshold in this item shall apply.

The proposed abandonment will not result in an increase of rail or truck traffic because the line is out of service.

(iii) If the transportation of ozone depleting materials (such as nitrogen oxide and from) is contemplated, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and spills; contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of ozone depleting materials in the event of a collision or derailment.

This action will have no effect on transportation of ozone-depleting materials as the line is out of service.

(6) Noise: If any of the thresholds identified in item (5)(c) of this section are surpassed, state whether the proposed action will cause:

(i) An incremental increase in noise levels of three decibels Ldn or more,

N/A

(ii) An increase to a noise level of 76 decibels Ldn or greater. If so, identify sensitive receptors (e.g. schools, libraries, hospitals, residences, retirement communities and nursing homes) in the project area and quantify the noise increase for those receptors if the thresholds are surpassed.

N/A

(7) Safety:

(i) Describe any effects of the proposed action on public health and safety (including vehicle delay time at railroad crossings).

This abandonment should have no adverse effect on health or public safety. There are 9 public crossings and no private crossings.

During salvage operations on the line, if any may be required, precautions will be taken to ensure public safety, and contractors will be required to satisfy all applicable health and safety laws and regulations.

(ii) If hazardous materials are expected to be transported, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; whether chemicals are being transported that, if mixed, could react to form more hazardous compounds; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and hazardous spills; the contingency plans to deal with accidental spills, and the likelihood of and accidental release of hazardous materials.

Abandonment will not result in transportation of hazardous materials.

(iii) If there are any known hazardous waste site or sites where there have been known hazardous materials spills on the right-of-way, identify the location of those sites and the types of hazardous materials involved.

There are no known hazardous waste site or sites where there have been known hazardous materials spills on the right-of-way.

(8) Biological resources:

(i) Based on consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, describe the effects.

There are two bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) nesting territories located in the vicinity of the project at T18 R2W S47 and S63. Nesting activities occur from January 1 through August 15. Wintering bald eagles may occur in the vicinity of the project. Wintering activities occur from October 31 through March 31. See Exhibit E, letter from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife. Vaux's Swift is a sensitive species that may have a communal roost in the vicinity of the proposed abandonment. The wood duck, the mink, the shorebird concentrations, the purple martin, the bald eagle, the mountain quail and the mazama (western) pocket gopher are priority species that may have occurrences in the vicinity of the proposed abandonment. See Exhibit F, letter from the State of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

(ii) State whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected, and describe any effects.

The proposed abandonment will have no impact on lands managed by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. See Exhibit G, letter from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. The nearest Washington State Park is Tolmie, which is several miles from the

proposed abandonment. The proposed abandonment will not affect the Tolmie State Park. See Exhibit H, letter from the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission.

(9) Water:

(i) Based on consultation with State water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards. Describe any inconsistencies.

The proposed abandonment should be consistent with applicable Federal, State and local water quality standards. An NPDES permit is not required because there will be no soil disturbing activity, track materials will be removed but the roadbed will be left intact and there is no anticipation of placement of dredge or fill material in the waters of the State of Washington. See Exhibit I, letter from the State of Washington Department of Ecology.

(ii) Based on consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, state whether permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1344) are required for the proposed action and whether any designated wetlands or 100-year floodplains will be affected. Describe the effects.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been contacted and as of the date of this report, has not responded. See Exhibit J. the proposed abandonment should have no impact on the 100 year floodplain. See Exhibit K, letter from the City of Lacey.

(iii) State whether permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1344) are required for the proposed action. (Applicants should contact the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the state environmental protection or equivalent agency if they are unsure whether such permits are required.

The abandonment project will not require coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. See Exhibit I, letter from the State of Washington Department of Ecology.

(10) Proposed Mitigation: Describe any actions that are proposed to mitigate adverse environmental impacts, indicating why the proposed mitigation is appropriate.

Any salvage operations that may result will be in accordance with BNSF's general practice of requiring its private contractors to comply with all federal, state and local laws and regulations pertaining to the environment, including, but not limited to noise, air quality, water quality, and items of archaeological significance. The project itself should mitigate the environmental effects of reinstating active rail operations. BNSF proposes the following mitigation conditions with respect to biological resources: BNSF or its salvage contractor shall, prior to conducting any salvage activity, consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to determine whether the proposed salvage activity will have any impacts on threatened or endangered species in the project area and shall arrange appropriate mitigation as may be agreed pursuant to the informal consultations.

Respectfully Submitted,



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HISTORICAL REPORT

The following is submitted to the Surface Transportation Board by The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) in accordance with the Board's reporting requirements set forth in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8 for the purpose of assisting the Board's environmental and historical assessment regarding BNSF's Notice of Exemption to abandon its line of railroad between M.P. 3.27 in Quadlock 9.07 and M.P. 9.07 in Olympia, Thurston County, Washington, a total distance of 5.80 miles.

(1) A U.S.G.S. topographic map (or alternate map drawn to scale and sufficiently detailed to show buildings and other structures in the vicinity of the proposed action) showing the location of the proposed action, and the locations and approximate dimensions of the railroad structures that are 50 years old or older and are part of the proposed action;

One copy of a U.S.G.S. Topographical map has been provided to the Washington State Historical Society and one copy is being provided to the Surface Transportation Board's Section of the Environmental Analysis upon filing of this Report.

(2) A written description of the right-of-way (including approximate widths, to the extent known) and the topography and urban and/or rural characteristics of the surrounding area:

The right of way for the Quadlock to Olympia, Washington line varies from 16 to 100 feet in width except for the station ground property. The right of way is located within the Olympia Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes the cities of Lacey and Olympia. Olympia has a population of 42,514 and Lacey has a population of 31,226. The line goes generally east-west through the city of Lacey and part of Olympia. The line is adjacent to various uses. The topography is generally flat to hilly.

(3) Good quality photographs (actual photographic prints, not photocopies) or railroad structures on the property that are 50 years old or older and of the immediately surrounding area;

There are no bridges or structures that are 50 years or older in the immediate area of the abandonment.

(4) The date(s) of construction of the structures, and the date(s) and extent of any major alterations, to the extent such information is known;

N/A

(5) A brief narrative history of carrier operations in the area, and an explanation of what, if any, changes are contemplated as a result of the proposed action:

The Northern Pacific Railway Company (NP) and the Tacoma Olympia and Grays Harbor Railroad Company acquired the majority of the right of way in 1890. The Tacoma Olympia and Grays Harbor Railroad Company was a predecessor to the NP. NP merged in 1970 with the Great Northern Railway Company and the Chicago Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company to become the Burlington Northern Railroad Company (BN). In 1995, BN merged with the Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company to become The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF). The portion of the line from Lacey to Olympia has been out of service for several years. The line has

been out of service for over two years. No changes in carrier operations are anticipated as a result of the proposed abandonment as there is no train service on the line.

(6) A brief summary of documents in the carrier's possession, such as engineering drawings, that might be useful in documenting a structure that is to be historic;

Documents in BNSF's possession concerning this abandonment may include alignment maps showing the right-of-way and/or station maps. Such documents are too large for practical reproduction in this report, but can be furnished upon request, if they are available.

(7) An opinion (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) as to whether the site and/or structures meet the criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (36 C.F.R. § 60.4), and whether there is a likelihood of archaeological resources or any other previously unknown historic properties in the project area, and the basis for these opinions (including any consultations with the State Historic Preservation Office, local historical societies or universities);

The proposed abandonment will have no effect upon cultural properties included in the National and State Registers of Historic Places and the Washington State Archaeological and Historic Sites Inventories. No historic properties should be affected. See Exhibit L, letter from the State of Washington Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

(8) A description (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) of any known prior subsurface ground disturbance or fill, environmental conditions (naturally occurring or manmade) that might affect the archaeological recovery of resources (such as swampy conditions or the presence of toxic wastes), and the surrounding terrain.

BNSF is not aware of any known prior subsurface ground disturbance or fill or any other environmental conditions (naturally occurring or man-made) that might affect the recovery of archaeological resources.

Respectfully submitted,

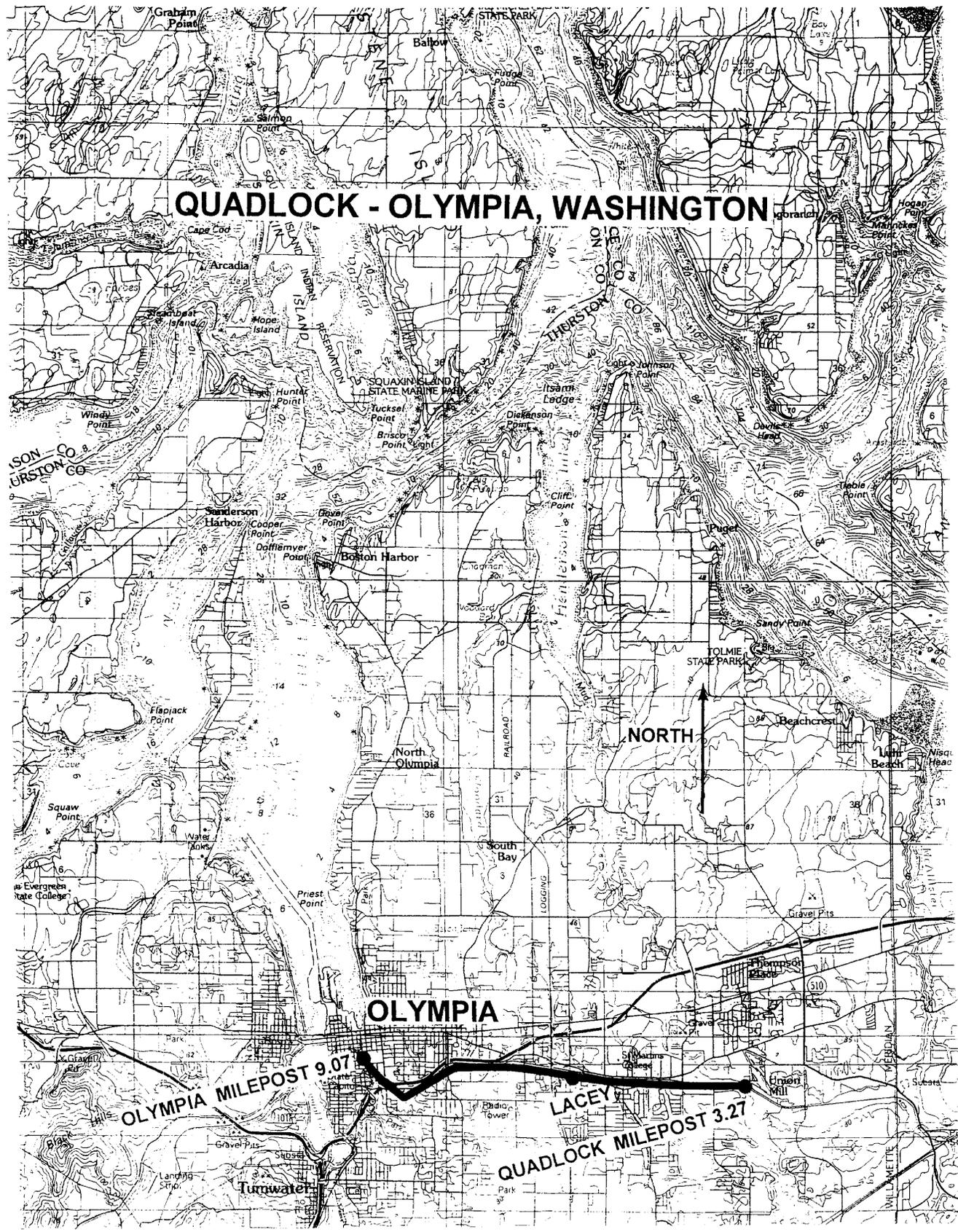
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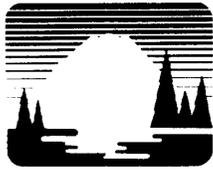
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Dear Mr. Nettles:

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Use of a developed trail along this corridor would provide a highly viable commute transportation alternative for bicyclists, joggers, and walkers. For the recreational user, it offers scenic mountain, water and pastoral views along with providing a connection between the downtown cores of the City of Lacey and the City of Olympia, and with southern outlying small communities in Thurston County (Yelm, Bucoda and Rainier).

As an overview, the eastern section of this corridor parallels City of Lacey park and wetland properties and residential areas; and at the intersection of Carpenter Road the corridor runs centrally east-west through the City of Lacey's commercial business district, parallel to a key east-west arterial, Pacific Avenue (see attached map). The remaining western section runs through commercial properties in the City of Olympia and terminates in Olympia's downtown core, near the Washington State Capitol campus.

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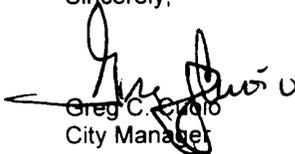
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Sincerely,

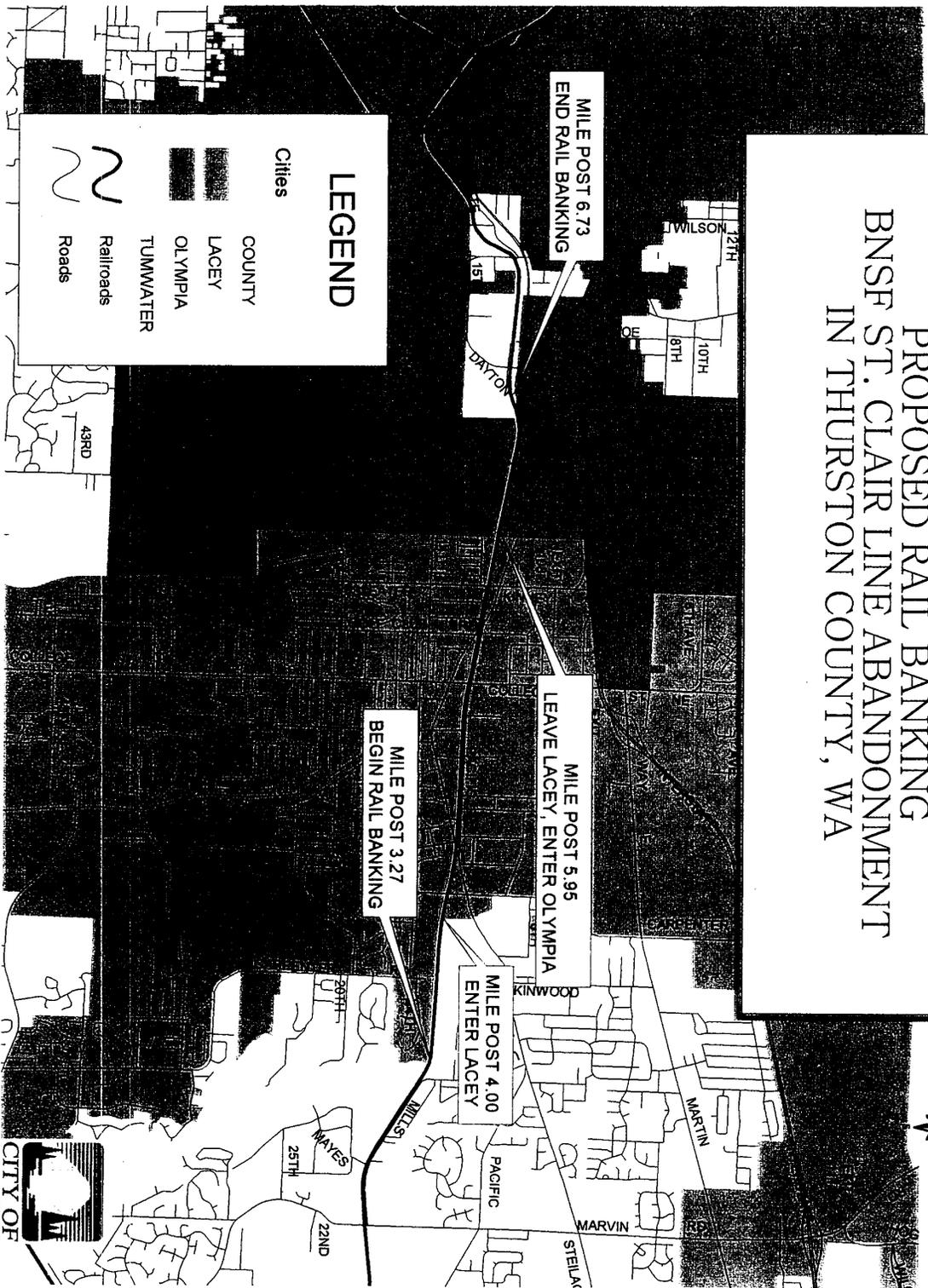


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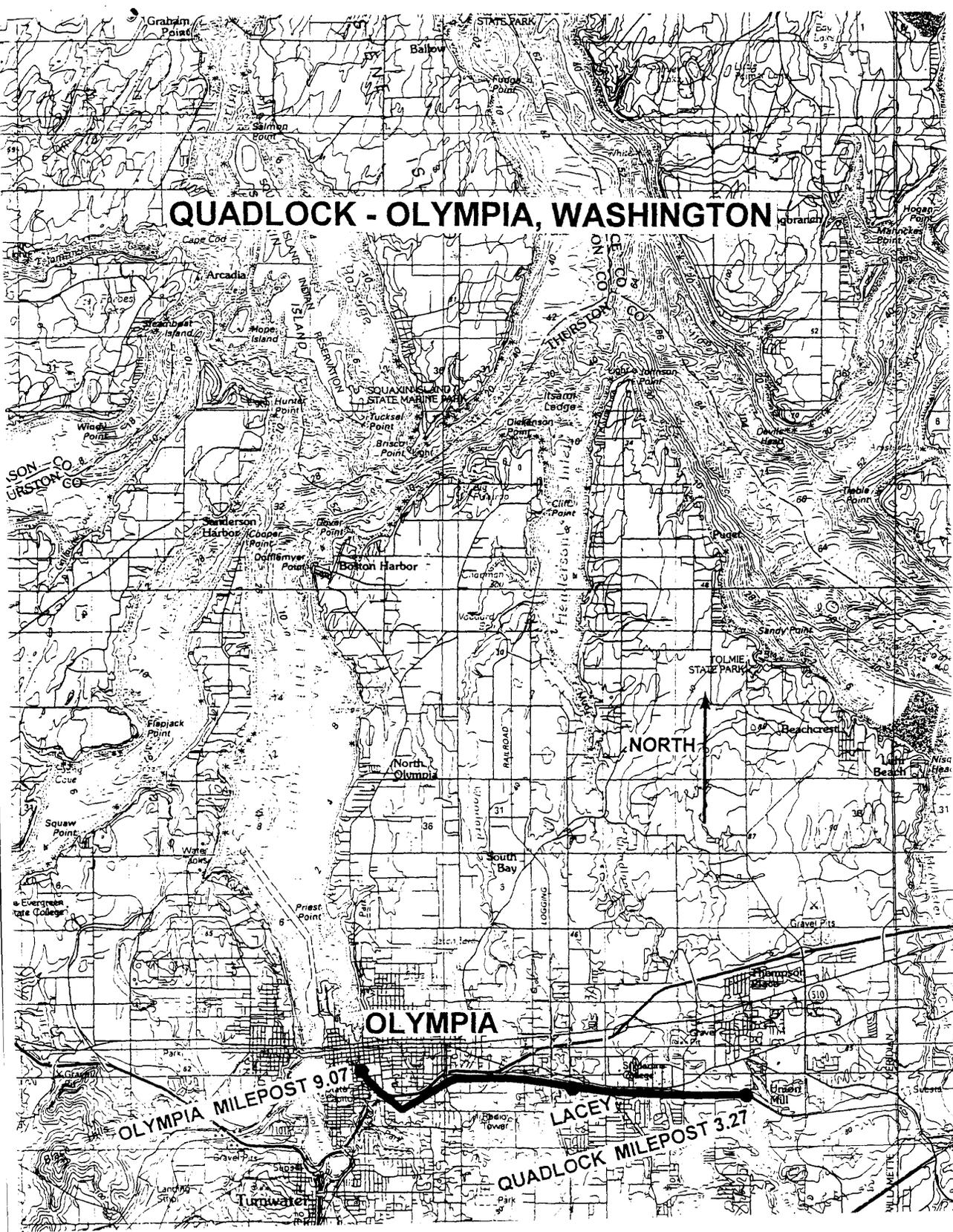
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PROPOSED RAIL BANKING BNSF ST. CLAIR LINE ABANDONMENT IN THURSTON COUNTY, WA



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**RE: Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company Abandonment of
Trackage in Olympia and Lacey, Washington to Quadlock,
Washington**

Dear Mr. Nettles:

I write in response to your letter of October 31, 2002 to the Lacey City Council concerning the above-referenced abandonment of a Burlington Northern Santa Fe rail line. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information as to why the abandonment of trackage within the City Of Olympia is suitable for alternative public use as a recreational trail.

In 1987, the Burlington Northern Railroad abandoned a portion of the line in question from milepost 6.73 to milepost 9.07. The City Of Olympia has just completed acquisition of that portion of the abandoned rail line through negotiation and condemnation for the purpose of constructing a pedestrian/bicycle trail. Obviously, this portion of the trail will connect with the remainder of the proposed abandonment which in turn will connect with the Chehalis Western Trail described in the City of Lacey's letter of November 7, 2002 (copy enclosed for your reference). We concur with the material in that letter.

The City of Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Plan proposes that a portion of the already abandoned Burlington Northern rail corridor will connect to another City of Olympia park – Watershed Park – and continue west into Tumwater Historical Park owned by the City of Tumwater.

The City of Olympia also adopted an extensive Master Plan for this trail corridor in 2000. This plan identifies trailhead locations and other amenities in addition to preliminary engineering design drawings of the entire trail.



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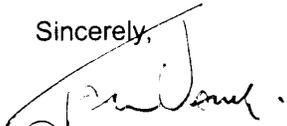
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Several community organizations are actively planning for construction improvement of the trail through that portion of the rail right-of-way already acquired by the City of Olympia. What is more, even the unimproved rail bed is being used by joggers, walkers, and bicyclists.

I trust that this information is of assistance to you. I would appreciate any future notices in this matter be directed to me at the address below.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



John Vanek
Assistant City Attorney

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cc: David Hanna, Parks Services Manager
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Enclosure

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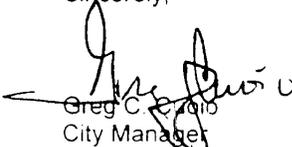
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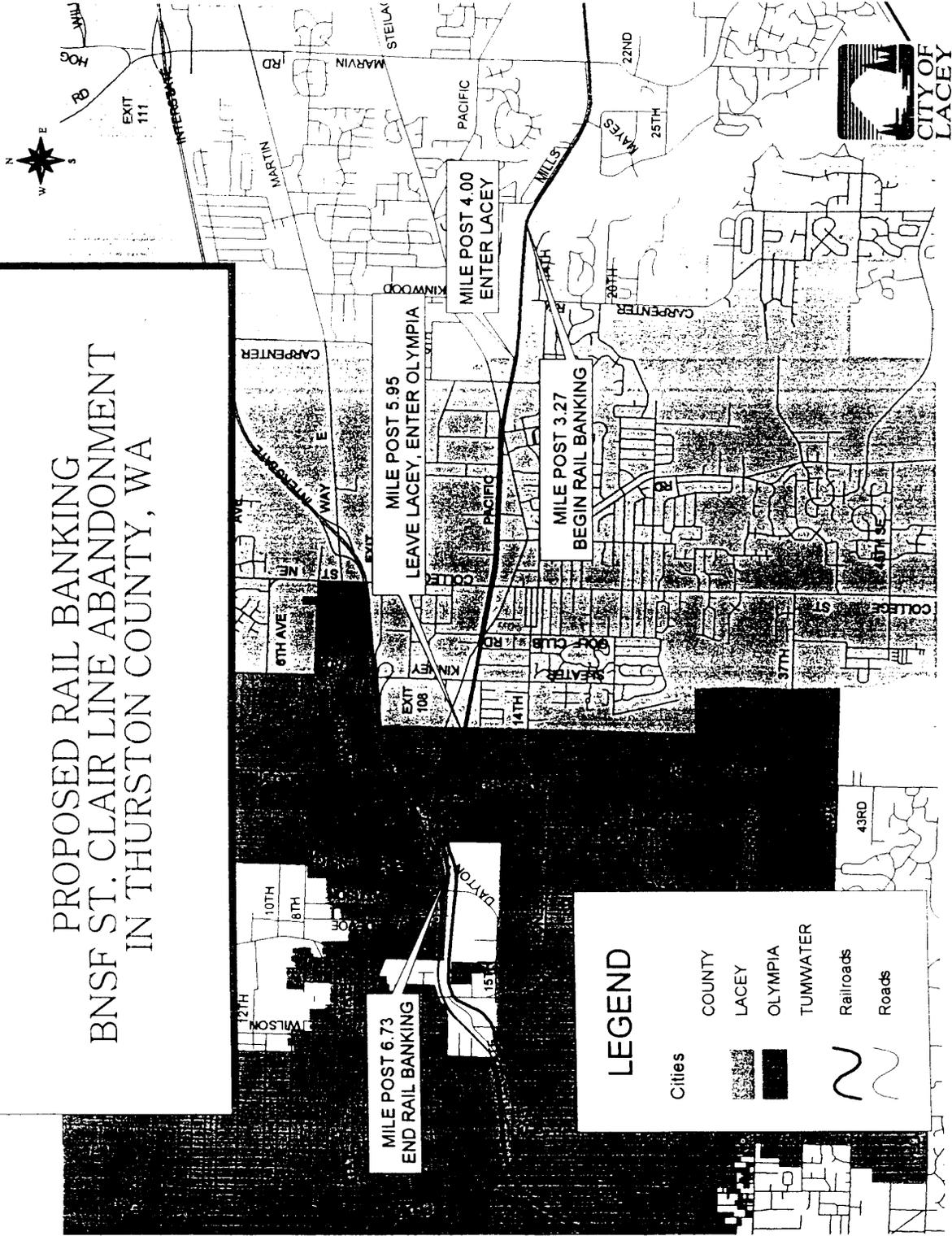


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Re: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company Abandonment of Olympia, Washington to Quadlock, Washington.

Dear Mr. Nettles:

I have evaluated the material you sent to our office and understand that you are planning on filing with the Surface Transportation Board a Notice of Exemption seeking to abandon 5.8 miles of railroad line between milepost 9.07 in Olympia, Washington and milepost 3.27 in Quadlock, Washington in the near future.

Although there may be prime agricultural soils adjacent to the project area, the activity you have proposed as described in your letter dated October 31, 2002 will not impact these soils.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Swotek".

Jeff Swotek
District Conservationist
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

The Natural Resources Conservation Service provides leadership in a partnership effort to help people conserve, maintain, and improve our natural resources and environment.

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Western Washington Fish and Wildlife Office
510 Desmond Drive SE, Suite 102
Lacey, Washington 98503
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Dear Species List Requester:

We (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) are providing the information you requested to assist your determination of possible impacts of a proposed project to species of Federal concern. Attachment A includes the listed threatened and endangered species, species proposed for listing, candidate species, and/or species of concern that may be within the area of your proposed project.

Any Federal agency, currently or in the future, that provides funding, permitting, licensing, or other authorization for this project must assure that its responsibilities under section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), are met. Attachment B outlines the responsibilities of Federal agencies for consulting or conferencing with us.

If both listed and proposed species occur in the vicinity of a project that meets the requirements of a major Federal action (i.e., "major construction activity"), impacts to both listed and proposed species must be considered in a biological assessment (BA) (section 7(c); see Attachment B). Although the Federal agency is not required, under section 7(c), to address impacts to proposed species if listed species are not known to occur in the project area, it may be in the Federal agency's best interest to address impacts to proposed species. The listing process may be completed within a year, and information gathered on a proposed species could be used to address consultation needs should the species be listed. However, if the proposed action is likely to jeopardize the continued existence of a proposed species, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of proposed critical habitat, a formal conference with us is required by the Act (section 7(a)(4)). The results of the BA will determine if conferencing is required.

The Federal agency is responsible for making a determination of the effects of the project on listed species and/or critical habitat. For a Federal agency determination that a listed species or critical habitat is likely to be affected (adversely or beneficially) by the project, you should request section 7 consultation through this office. For a "not likely to adversely affect" determination, you should request our concurrence through the informal consultation process.

Candidate species and species of concern are those species whose conservation status is of concern to us, but for which additional information is needed. Candidate species are included as an advance notice to Federal agencies of species that may be proposed and listed in the future. Conservation measures for candidate species and species of concern are voluntary but recommended. Protection provided to these species now may preclude possible listing in the future.

For other federally listed species that may occur in the vicinity of your project, contact the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) at (360) 753-9530 to request a list of species under their jurisdiction. For wetland permit requirements, contact the Seattle District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for Federal permit requirements and the Washington State Department of Ecology for State permit requirements.

Thank you for your assistance in protecting listed threatened and endangered species and other species of Federal concern. If you have additional questions, please contact Yvonne Dettlaff (360) 753-9582.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken S. Berg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small "pa" written below the main signature.

Ken S. Berg, Manager
Western Washington Fish and Wildlife Office

Enclosure(s)

**LISTED AND PROPOSED ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES, CRITICAL
HABITAT, CANDIDATE SPECIES, AND SPECIES OF CONCERN THAT MAY
OCCUR IN THE VICINITY OF THE PROPOSED
RAILROAD LINE ABANDONMENT PROJECT
IN THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

(T18N R1W S18-22,39,42; T18N R2W S24,41)

FWS REF: 1-3-03-SP-0217

LISTED

There are two bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) nesting territories located in the vicinity of the project at T18N R2W S47 and S63. Nesting activities occur from January 1 through August 15.

Wintering bald eagles may occur in the vicinity of the project. Wintering activities occur from October 31 through March 31.

Major concerns that should be addressed in your biological assessment of the project impacts to listed species include:

1. Level of use of the project area by listed species;
2. Effect of the project on listed species' primary food stocks, prey species, and foraging areas in all areas influenced by the project; and
3. Impacts from project construction (i.e., habitat loss, increased noise levels, increased human activity) that may result in disturbance to listed species and/or their avoidance of the project area.

PROPOSED

None

CANDIDATE

Mazama pocket gopher (*Thomomys mazama*)(includes ssp. *couchi*, *glacialis*, *louiei*, *melanops*, *pugetensis*, *tacomensis*, *tumuli*, *yelmensis*)

CRITICAL HABITAT

None

SPECIES OF CONCERN

The following species of concern have been documented in the county where the project is located. These species or their habitat could be located on or near the project site. Species in **bold** were specific occurrences located on the database within a 1-mile radius of the project site.

California wolverine (*Gulo gulo luteus*)
Cascades frog (*Rana cascadae*)
Coastal cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki clarki*)
Long-eared myotis (*Myotis evotis*)
Long-legged myotis (*Myotis volans*)
Northern goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*)
Northwestern pond turtle (*Clemmys marmorata marmorata*)
Oregon vesper sparrow (*Pooecetes gramineus affinis*)
Olive-sided flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*)
Pacific fisher (*Martes pennanti pacifica*)
Pacific lamprey (*Lampetra tridentata*)
Pacific Townsend's big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii townsendii*)
River lamprey (*Lampetra ayresi*)
Slender-billed, white breasted nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis aculeata*)
Tailed frog (*Ascaphus truei*)
Valley silverspot (*Speyeria zerene bremeri*)
Van Dyke's salamander (*Plethodon vandykei*)
Western gray squirrel (*Sciurus griseus griseus*)
Aster curtus (white-top aster)

ATTACHMENT B

FEDERAL AGENCIES' RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER SECTIONS 7(a) AND 7(c) OF THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973, AS AMENDED

SECTION 7(a) - Consultation/Conference

- Requires:
1. Federal agencies to utilize their authorities to carry out programs to conserve endangered and threatened species;
 2. Consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) when a Federal action may affect a listed endangered or threatened species to ensure that any action authorized, funded, or carried out by a Federal agency is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of listed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat. The process is initiated by the Federal agency after it has determined if its action may affect (adversely or beneficially) a listed species; and
 3. Conference with the FWS when a Federal action is likely to jeopardize the continued existence of a proposed species or result in destruction or an adverse modification of proposed critical habitat.

SECTION 7(c) - Biological Assessment for Construction Projects *

Requires Federal agencies or their designees to prepare a Biological Assessment (BA) for construction projects only. The purpose of the BA is to identify any proposed and/or listed species that is/are likely to be affected by a construction project. The process is initiated by a Federal agency in requesting a list of proposed and listed threatened and endangered species (list attached). The BA should be completed within 180 days after its initiation (or within such a time period as is mutually agreeable). If the BA is not initiated within 90 days of receipt of the species list, please verify the accuracy of the list with the Service. No irreversible commitment of resources is to be made during the BA process which would result in violation of the requirements under Section 7(a) of the Act. Planning, design, and administrative actions may be taken; however, no construction may begin.

To complete the BA, your agency or its designee should (1) conduct an onsite inspection of the area to be affected by the proposal, which may include a detailed survey of the area to determine if the species is present and whether suitable habitat exists for either expanding the existing population or potential reintroduction of the species; (2) review literature and scientific data to determine species distribution, habitat needs, and other biological requirements; (3) interview experts including those within the FWS, National Marine Fisheries Service, state conservation department, universities, and others who may have data not yet published in scientific literature; (4) review and analyze the effects of the proposal on the species in terms of individuals and populations, including consideration of cumulative effects of the proposal on the species and its habitat; (5) analyze alternative actions that may provide conservation measures; and (6) prepare a report documenting the results, including a discussion of study methods used, any problems encountered, and other relevant information. Upon completion, the report should be forwarded to our Endangered Species Division, 510 Desmond Drive SE, Suite 102, Lacey, WA 98503-1273.

* "Construction project" means any major Federal action which significantly affects the quality of the human environment (requiring an EIS), designed primarily to result in the building or erection of human-made structures such as dams, buildings, roads, pipelines, channels, and the like. This includes Federal action such as permits, grants, licenses, or other forms of Federal authorization or approval which may result in construction.

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DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Mailing Address: 600 Capitol Way N, Olympia, WA 98501-1091 - (360) 902-2200; TDD (360) 902-2207
Main Office Location: Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, Olympia, WA

Date: **NOV 13 2002**

Dear Habitats and Species Requester:

Enclosed are the habitats and species products you requested from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). This package may also contain documentation to help you understand and use these products.

These products only include information that WDFW maintains in a computer database. They are not an attempt to provide you with an official agency response as to the impacts of your project on fish and wildlife, nor are they designed to provide you with guidance on interpreting this information and determining how to proceed in consideration of fish and wildlife. These products only document the location of important fish and wildlife resources to the best of our knowledge. It is important to note that habitats or species may occur on the ground in areas not currently known to WDFW biologists, or in areas for which comprehensive surveys have not been conducted. Site-specific surveys are frequently necessary to rule out the presence of priority habitats or species.

Your project may require further field inspection or you may need to contact our field biologists or others in WDFW to assist you in interpreting and applying this information. Generally, for assistance on a specific project, you should contact the WDFW Habitat Program Manager for your county and ask for the area habitat biologist for your project area. Refer to the enclosed directory for those contacts.

Please note that sections potentially impacted by spotted owl management concerns are displayed on the 1:24,000 scale standard map products. If specific details on spotted owl site centers are required they must be requested separately.

These products are designed for users external to the forest practice permit process and as such does not reflect all the information pertinent to forest practice review. The Forest Practice Rules adopted August 22, 1997 by the Forest Practice Board and administered by the Washington Department of Natural Resources require forest practice applications to be screened against marbled murrelet detection areas and detection sections. Marbled murrelet detection locations are included in the standard priority habitats and species products, but the detection areas and detection sections are not included. If your project is affected by Forest Practice Regulations, you should specially request murrelet detection areas.

WDFW updates this information as additional data become available. Because fish and wildlife species are mobile and because habitats and species information changes, project reviews for fish and wildlife should not rest solely on mapped information. Instead, they should also consider new information gathered from current field investigations. Remember, habitats and species information can only show that a species or habitat type is present, they cannot show that a species or habitat type is not present. These products should not be used for future projects. Please obtain updates rather than use outdated information.

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE REGIONAL HABITAT PROGRAM MANAGER CONTACTS

For assistance with Priority Habitats and Species Information contact a regional habitat program manger and they will direct your questions to a biologist.

County project is in...

Contact...

Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Garfield Lincoln,
Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla,
Whitman

Kevin Robinette
8702 North Division Street
Spokane, WA 99218-1199
Phone: (509) 456-4082

Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Okanogan

Tracy Lloyd
1550 Alder Street NW
Ephrata, WA 98823-9699
Phone: (509) 754-4624

Benton, Franklin, Kittitas, Yakima

Ted Clausing
1701 24th Avenue
Yakima, WA 98902-5720
Phone: (509) 575-2740

Island, King, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish,
Whatcom

Deborah Cornett
16018 Mill Creek Blvd.
Mill Creek, WA 98012-1296
Phone: (425) 775-1311

Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Lewis, Skamania,
Wahkiakum

Steve Manlow
2108 Grand Blvd.
Vancouver, WA 98661
Phone: (360) 696-6211

Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason,
Pacific, Pierce, Thurston

Steve Kalinowski
48 Devonshire Road
Montesano, WA 98563-9618
Phone: (360) 249-4628

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE - HABITATS AND SPECIES REPORT
 IN THE VICINITY OF T18R02W SECTION 24
 Report Date: November 13, 2002

This map contains the following species and/or habitat locations that are deemed sensitive by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Sensitive Fish and Wildlife Policy.

PHS CODE/ SPPCODE	COMMON NAME	USE CODE	USE DESCRIPTION
CHVA	VAUX'S SWIFT	CR	COMMUNAL ROOST

PHS POLYGON FORM LIST - CROSS REFERENCE REPORT
 IN THE VICINITY OF T18R02W SECTION 24

PHSPOLY#	FORM NUMBER/ PHS CODE*USE CODE
2	900000 *-
3	912902 SHBI*RC-
4	902432 AISP*B-
5	900000 *-
6	912902 SHBI*RC-
7	901114 MUVI*RC-
8	902432 AISP*B-
9	900987-901114 AISP*B-MUVI*RC-
10	900987 AISP*B-

PHS POLYGON - SPECIES AND HABITAT LIST

PHS FORM#	PRIORITY	PHS CODE	COMMON NAME	USE CODE	USE DESCRIPTION
900,000					
900,987	YES	AISP	WOOD DUCK	B	BREEDING OCCURRENCE
901,114	YES	MUVI	MINK	RC	REGULAR CONCENTRATION
902,432	YES	AISP	WOOD DUCK	B	BREEDING OCCURRENCE
912,902	YES	SHBI	SHOREBIRD CONCENTRATIONS	RC	REGULAR CONCENTRATION

Form number 900000 indicates presence of PHS is unknown or the area was not mapped. Form numbers 909998, 909997, or 909996 indicate compilation errors.

YES under the "PRIORITY" column indicates that the species or habitat is considered a priority and is on the Priority Habitats and Species List and/or the Species of Concern List.

WILDLIFE HERITAGE POINT - SPECIES LIST AND REPORT
 IN THE VICINITY OF T18R02W SECTION 24

QUADPT	PRIORITY	SPPCODE	COMMON NAME	USE CODE	USE DESCRIPTION
4712218009	YES	PRSU	PURPLE MARTIN	BOX	NEST BOX
4712218013	NO	ARALB	GREAT EGRET	RI	REGULARLY OCCURRING INDIVIDUAL
4712218045	YES	CHVA	VAUX'S SWIFT	CR	COMMUNAL ROOST
4712218055	YES	PRSU	PURPLE MARTIN	BOX	NEST BOX
4712218069	YES	HALE	BALD EAGLE	B	BREEDING OCCURRENCE
4712218075	NO	COGU	RIFLE SCULPIN	IO	INDIVIDUAL OCCURRENCE
4712218079	YES	HALE	BALD EAGLE	B	BREEDING OCCURRENCE

YES under the "PRIORITY" column indicates that the species or habitat is considered a priority and is on the Priority Habitats and Species List and/or the Species of Concern List.

quadpt: 4712218009 sppcode: PRSU use: BOX name: PURPLE MARTIN
 year: 1985 class: SA accuracy: C state status: SC fed status:
 township - range - section: T18N R02W S14 occur#: 4 seqno: 1
 general description:
 PURPLE MARTIN NESTS IN BOXES ON PILINGS AT PERCIVAL LANDING ON BUDD INLET IN DOWNTOWN OLYMPIA.

quadpt: 4712218013 sppcode: ARALB use: RI name: GREAT EGRET
 year: 1982 class: SA accuracy: C state status: SM fed status:
 township - range - section: T18N R02W S14 occur#: 6 seqno: 1
 general description:
 GREAT EGRET RI, STANDING ON THE SHORE OF BUDD INLET BEHIND MARK-IT FOODS, OLYMPIA 1977-82. ALSO PERCIVAL CK & CAPITOL LK.

quadpt: 4712218045 sppcode: CHVA use: CR name: VAUX'S SWIFT

year: 1994 class: SA accuracy: C state status: SC fed status:
township - range - section: T18N R02W S47 S 1/2 occur#: 9 seqno: 1
general description:
VAUX'S SWIFT OBSERVED ENTERING CHIMNEYS AT 1712 CAPITOL WAY FOR SECOND
CONSECUTIVE DUSK. NIKKI MCCLURE ESTIM. 30-40. MOST WENT INTO CHIMNEY ON FRONT
SIDE OF HOUSE (FACING WEST).

quadpt: 4712218055 sppcode: PRSU use: BOX name: PURPLE MARTIN
year: 1996 class: SA accuracy: C state status: SC fed status:
township - range - section: T18N R02W S41 NW occur#: 68 seqno: 1
general description:
PURPLE MARTIN BOXES PLACED ON PILINGS IN SOUTHERN MOST PART EAST BAY.

quadpt: 4712218069 sppcode: HALE use: B name: BALD EAGLE
year: 2000 class: SA accuracy: C state status: ST fed status: FT
township - range - section: T18N R02W S47 NWOF SW occur#: 1291 seqno: 1
general description:
BALD EAGLE NEST IN DOUGLAS FIR ABOUT 50 M SOUTH OF STEAM PLANT ON SLOPE
WEST OF GOVERNOR'S MANSION. SITE MAPPED DIRECTLY BY BIOLOGIST.

quadpt: 4712218075 sppcode: COGU use: IO name: RIFFLE SCULPIN
year: 2000 class: SA accuracy: C state status: SM fed status:
township - range - section: T18N R02W S63 NWOF SE occur#: 56 seqno: 1
general description:
RIFFLE SCULPIN. CAUGHT IN LARGE MINNOWTRAP. THREE-SPINE STICKLEBACK AND
SPECKLED DACE CAUGHT ALSO. NO RIFFLE SCULPINS CAUGHT IN TRAP JUNE 21 2000.
DATA IN NONGAME FISH BINDER.

quadpt: 4712218079 sppcode: HALE use: B name: BALD EAGLE
year: 2001 class: SA accuracy: C state status: ST fed status: FT
township - range - section: T18N R02W S63 NWOF NE occur#: 1291 seqno: 2
general description:
BALD EAGLE NEST.

Note:

If known occurrences of spotted owls and marbled murrelets exist they will
be displayed on the accompanying map, however, detailed information for
them are not included in this report.

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE - PHS POLYGON REPORT
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form: 900,987 species/habitat: AISP species use: B season: SUF accuracy: 1
sitename: WEST CLYMPIA
general description:
WOOD DUCK BREEDING AREA

source: SKRILETZ, JEFF WDW
date: 05 91 code: PROF
synopsis:
ROUTINE FIELD VISITS SINCE 1978

form: 901,114 species/habitat: MUVI species use: RC season: accuracy: 1
sitename: PERCIEVAL CREEK-CAPITOL LAKE
general description:
MINK LOCATIONS

source: TRAPPER HARVEST
date: 12 91 code: SIGN
synopsis:
RON KERR AND CARL VOGTS HARVEST

form: 902,432 species/habitat: AISP species use: B season: SUF accuracy: 1
sitename: LACEY
general description:
WOOD DUCK BREEDING AREA

source: FURRER, STEVE; SKRILETZ, JEFF
date: 04 91 code: PROF
synopsis:
ROUTINE FIELD VISITS OVER COMBINED SEVENTEEN YEARS OF OBSERVATIONS

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE - PHS POLYGON REPORT
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form: 912,902 species/habitat: SHBI species use: RC season: WS F accuracy: 1

sitename: BUDD INLET

general description:

SHOREBIRDS FORAGE IN SOUTHWEST AND SOUTHEAST PARTS OF INLET. SANDPIPERS ROOST
ON COBBLE AT OR NEAR RAILROAD GRADE IN SOUTHWEST; ALSO ROOST (WITH GREATER)
YELLOWLEGS) ON LOG RAFTS ALONG WEST SIDE OF INLET.

source: WASHINGTON BIRDS 6:34-62 (1997)

date: 97 code: LIT

synopsis:

FLOCKS OF WINTERING DUNLINS USUALLY NO LARGER THAN ABOUT 300.

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
 PRIORITY ANADROMOUS AND RESIDENT FISH PRESENCE REPORT FROM THE STREAMNET DATABASE
 IN THE VICINITY OF T18R02W SECTION 24
 Report Date: November 13, 2002

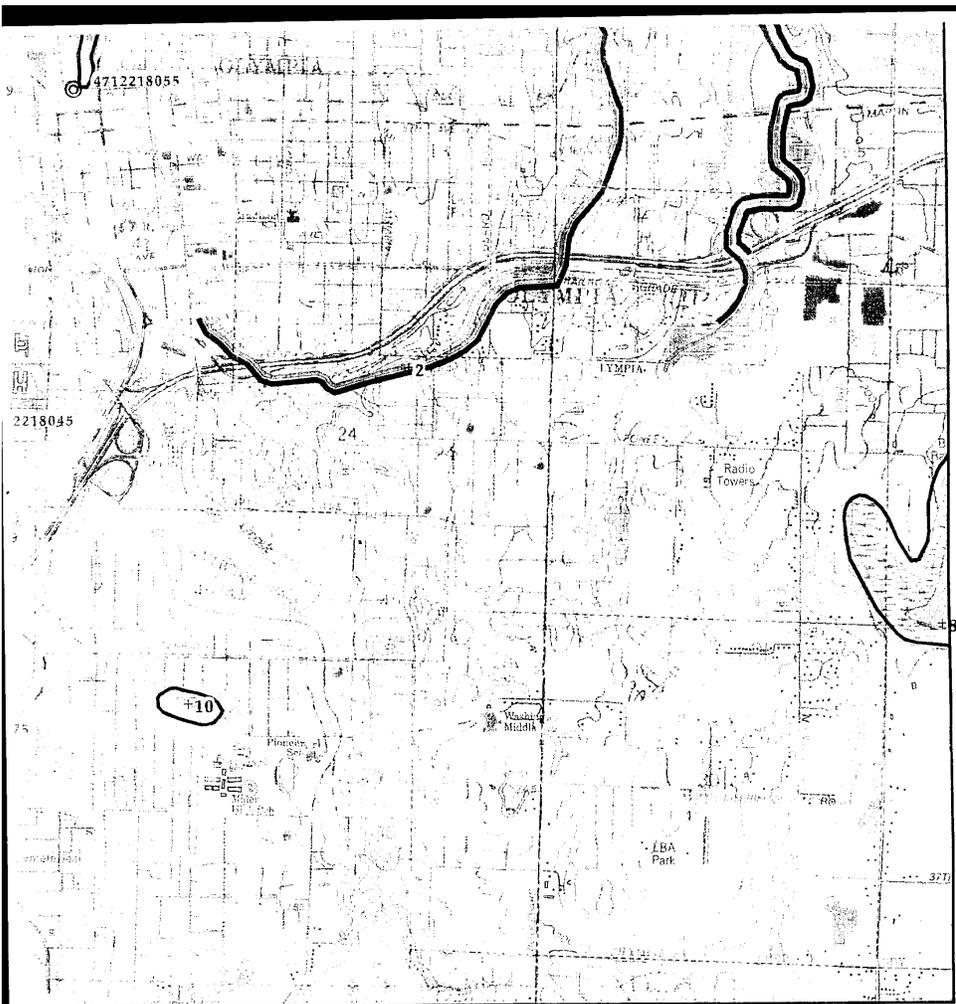
PRIORITY ANADROMOUS FISH PRESENCE

CODE	COMMON NAME	STREAM NAME	STREAM LLID	RECORD DATE	SOURCE
CHFA	Fall Chinook	Deschutes River	1229016470241	05-19-97	C. Smith
COHO	Coho Salmon	Deschutes River	1229016470241	06-04-97	C. Boranski, WDFW
SRCT	Searun Cutthroat	Deschutes River	1229016470241	01-01-90	WDFW Staff
STWI	Winter Steelhead	Deschutes River	1229016470241	01-18-97	T. Crop, WDFW
CHFA	Fall Chinook	Stream name(s) not in database	1229077470439	06-31-97	C. Smith, WDFW
STWI	Winter Steelhead	Stream name(s) not in database	1229077470439	06-23-97	T. Crop, WDFW
COHO	Coho Salmon	Woodward Creek	1228512471268	08-06-97	R. Egan, WDFW
SRCT	Searun Cutthroat	Woodward Creek	1228512471268	01-01-90	WDFW Staff
STWI	Winter Steelhead	Woodward Creek	1228512471268	06-23-97	T. Crop, WDFW

PRIORITY RESIDENT FISH PRESENCE

CODE	COMMON NAME	STREAM NAME	STREAM LLID	RECORD DATE	SOURCE
CCT	Resident Cutthroat	Deschutes River	1229016470241	07-15-97	WDFW Staff
CCT	Resident Cutthroat	Indian Creek	1228866470390	07-15-97	WDFW Staff
CCT	Resident Cutthroat	Woodward Creek	1228512471268	07-15-97	WDFW Staff

The fish information in this report only includes information that Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) maintains in a central computer database. This information only documents the location of important fish resources to the best of our knowledge. It is not a complete inventory of the fish species in the state. Fish are identified as priority by WDFW if they meet one of three criterion as listed in the Priority Habitats and Species List. The list is available by contacting WDFW Priority Habitats and Species section at (360)902-2543 or it is available on our web site at <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/hab/phspage.htm>. To insure appropriate use of this information users are encouraged to consult with WDFW biologists.



DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

AND SPECIES MAP

OF T18R02W SECTION 24

Scale - 1:24000
 Date - November 13, 2002
 WDFW Habitat Program GIS

PLEASE NOTE

Some species not considered priority. Spotted owls and marbled murrelets located on this map, however, detailed data not included in accompanying reports.

DISCLAIMER

Information that Washington Wildlife (WDFW) maintains in its possession. It is not an attempt to provide an official agency response as to the status of fish and wildlife. This map shows the location of fish and wildlife as of the best of our knowledge. It is important to note that fish and wildlife may occur in areas not shown on this map, or in areas for which data have not been conducted. Site visits are frequently necessary to rule out the sources.

This map shows wildlife and habitat features within a quarter mile of the locations shown. Locations of fish and wildlife may vary due to disturbance, weather, and other factors. WDFW maps more than six months old.

Use of this information, users are advised to consult with WDFW biologists.

DATA SOURCES

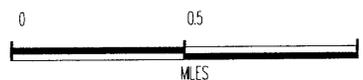
Species polygon and Habitat: point data from Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife; Marbled Murrelet data: WDFW StreamNet Database; Fish presence data: US Fish and Wildlife Service; Wetland data: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Invasive, Fungi, Algae and Township/Section Resources; Fish data: Oregon State Service Center; Wetland Systems (1988).

MAP LEGEND

- Priority Habitats and Species (PHS) Polygon Borders
- Wildlife Heritage Points
- Marbled Murrelet Points (Occupancy Sites Only)
- Habitat Points
- Seabird Colonies
- Spotted Owl Site Centers (Official Status 1-4)
- Spotted Owl Management Circles Established Territory
- Spotted Owl Management Circles Insufficient Data To Establish Territory
- Township Lines
- Section Lines
- Rivers and Streams at 1:100,000 Scale Resolution
- Anadromous Fish Presence
- Resident Fish Presence
- Priority Anadromous/Resident Fish Presence
- National Wetlands Inventory



AREA LOCATION



WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE - HABITATS AND SPECIES REPORT
 IN THE VICINITY OF T18R01W SECTION 20
 Report Date: November 13, 2002

PHS POLYGON FORM LIST - CROSS REFERENCE REPORT
 IN THE VICINITY OF T18R01W SECTION 20

PHSPOLY#	FORM NUMBER/ PHS CODE*USE CODE
2	900000 *-
3	902432 AISP*B-
4	902432 AISP*B-
5	900000 *-
6	902432 AISP*B-
7	902432 AISP*B-

PHS POLYGON - SPECIES AND HABITAT LIST

PHS FORM#	PRIORITY	PHS CODE	COMMON NAME	USE CODE	USE DESCRIPTION
900,000					
902,432	YES	AISP	WOOD DUCK	B	BREEDING OCCURRENCE

Form number 900000 indicates presence of PHS is unknown or the area was not mapped. Form numbers 909998, 909997, or 909996 indicate compilation errors.

YES under the 'PRIORITY' column indicates that the species or habitat is considered a priority and is or the Priority Habitats and Species List and/or the Species of Concern List.

WILDLIFE HERITAGE POINT - SPECIES LIST AND REPORT
 IN THE VICINITY OF T18R01W SECTION 20

QUADPT	PRIORITY	SPPCODE	COMMON NAME	USE CODE	USE DESCRIPTION
4712217023	YES	ORPI	MOUNTAIN QUAIL	IO	INDIVIDUAL OCCURRENCE

YES under the 'PRIORITY' column indicates that the species or habitat is considered a priority and is or the Priority Habitats and Species List and/or the Species of Concern List.

quadpt: 4712217023 sppcode: ORPI use: IO name: MOUNTAIN QUAIL
 year: 1993 class: GA accuracy: C state status: fed status:
 township - range - section: T18N R01W S39 occur#: 164 seqno: 1
 general description:
 MOUNTAIN QUAIL: 2 COVEYS OF UNKNOWN SIZE SEEN IN LACEY

Note:
 If known occurrences of spotted owls and marbled murrelets exist they will be displayed on the accompanying map, however, detailed information for them are not included in this report.

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE - PHS POLYGON REPORT
Report Date: 11/13/2002

form: 902,432 species/habitat: AISP species use: B season: SUP accuracy: 1
sitename: LACEY
general descriptor:
WOOD DUCK BREEDING AREA

source: FURRER, STEVE; SKRILETZ, JEFF
date: 04 91 code: PROF
synopsis:
ROUTINE FIELD VISITS OVER COMBINED SEVENTEEN YEARS OF OBSERVATIONS

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
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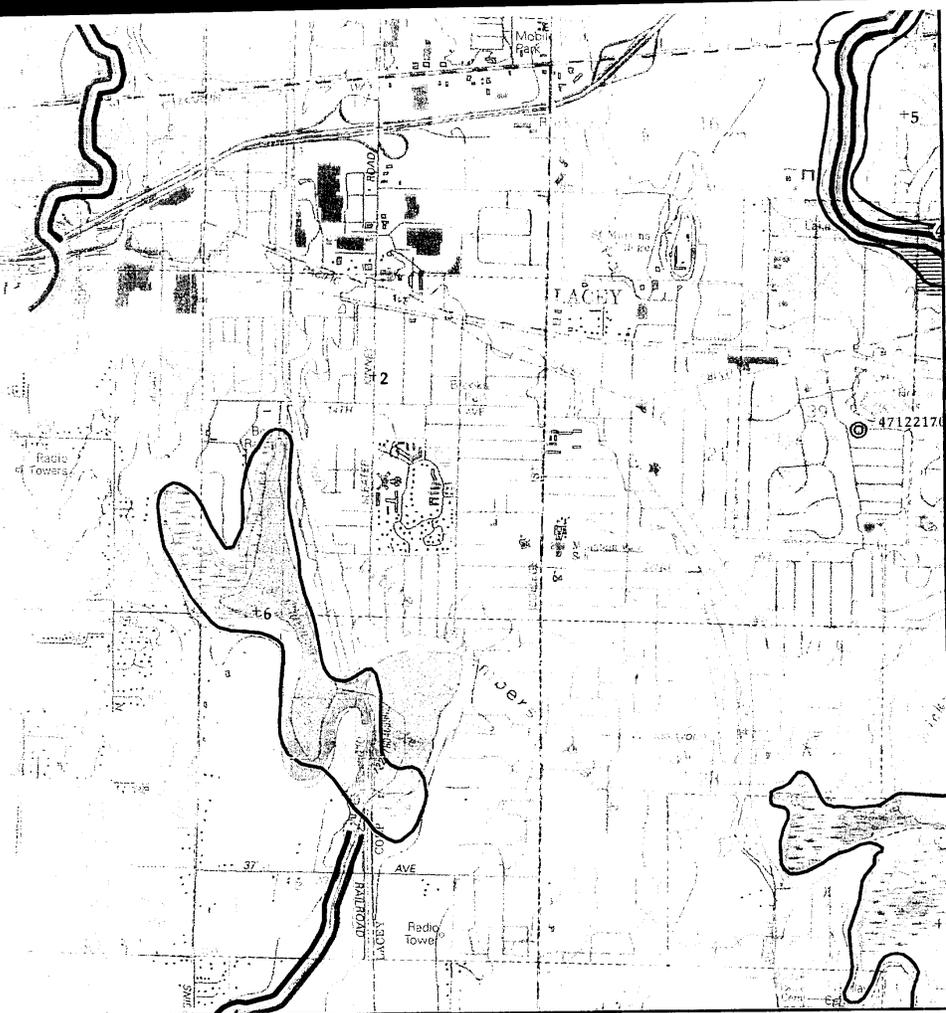
PRIORITY ANADROMOUS FISH PRESENCE

CODE	COMMON NAME	STREAM NAME	STREAM LLID	RECORD DATE	SOURCE
COHO	Coho Salmon	Stream name(s) not in database	1228760469962	06-04-97	C. Boranski, WDFW
SRCT	Searun Cutthroat	Stream name(s) not in database	1228760469962	01-01-90	WDFW Staff
CHUM	Chum Salmon	Woodland Creek	1228214470935	08-06-97	R. Egan, WDFW
COHO	Coho Salmon	Woodland Creek	1228214470935	08-06-97	R. Egan, WDFW
SRCT	Searun Cutthroat	Woodland Creek	1228214470935	01-01-90	WDFW Staff
STWI	Winter Steelhead	Woodland Creek	1228214470935	06-23-97	T. Crop, WDFW
COHO	Coho Salmon	Woodward Creek	1228512471268	08-06-97	R. Egan, WDFW
SRCT	Searun Cutthroat	Woodward Creek	1228512471268	01-01-90	WDFW Staff
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PRIORITY RESIDENT FISH PRESENCE

CODE	COMMON NAME	STREAM NAME	STREAM LLID	RECORD DATE	SOURCE
CCT	Resident Cutthroat	Indian Creek	1228866470390	07-15-97	WDFW Staff
CCT	Resident Cutthroat	Woodland Creek	1228214470935	07-15-97	WDFW Staff
LMB	Largemouth Bass	Woodland Creek	1228214470935	02/05/90	WDFW Staff
CCT	Resident Cutthroat	Woodward Creek	1228512471268	07-15-97	WDFW Staff

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DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
ANADROMOUS AND SPECIES MAP
OF T18R01W SECTION 20

Scale - 1 : 24000
 State Plane South Zone 5626 (NAD27)
 Date - November 13, 2002
 WDFW Habitat Program GIS

PLEASE NOTE

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Map scale and habitat features are accurate to a quarter mile of the locations shown. Locations of fish and wildlife are subject to variation caused by disturbance, weather, and other factors. WDFW maps more than six months old.

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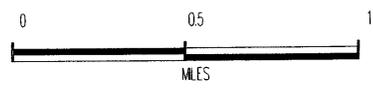
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 - Spotted Owls, and Marbled Murrelet data:
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 - Geographic data: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
 - Vegetation, Turf, Algae and Township/Section data: WDFW Resources.
 - Wetland data: Oregon State Service Center.

MAP LEGEND

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AREA LOCATION



WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE - HABITATS AND SPECIES REPORT
 IN THE VICINITY OF T18R01W SECTION 22
 Report Date: November 08, 2002

PHS POLYGON FORM LIST - CROSS REFERENCE REPORT
 IN THE VICINITY OF T18R01W SECTION 22

PHSPOLY#	FORM NUMBER/ PHS CODE*USE CODE
2	900000 *-
3	902432 AISP*B-
4	900000 *-
5	909998 *-
6	902412-902432 HALE*B-AISP*B-
7	902412 HALE*B-
8	902432 AISP*B-
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10	902432 AISP*B-

PHS POLYGON - SPECIES AND HABITAT LIST

PHS FORM#	PRIORITY	PHS CODE	COMMON NAME	USE CODE	USE DESCRIPTION
900,000					
902,412	YES	HALE	BALD EAGLE	B	BREEDING OCCURRENCE
902,432	YES	AISP	WOOD DUCK	B	BREEDING OCCURRENCE
909,998					

Form number 900000 indicates presence of PHS is unknown or the area was not mapped. Form numbers 909998, 909997, or 909996 indicate compilation errors.

YES under the "PRIORITY" column indicates that the species or habitat is considered a priority and is on the Priority Habitats and Species List and/or the Species of Concern List.

WILDLIFE HERITAGE POINT - SPECIES LIST AND REPORT
 IN THE VICINITY OF T18R01W SECTION 22

QUADPT	PRIORITY	SPPCODE	COMMON NAME	USE CODE	USE DESCRIPTION
4712217019	YES	ORPI	MOUNTAIN QUAIL	IO	INDIVIDUAL OCCURRENCE
4712217021	YES	ORPI	MOUNTAIN QUAIL	IO	INDIVIDUAL OCCURRENCE
4712217023	YES	ORPI	MOUNTAIN QUAIL	IO	INDIVIDUAL OCCURRENCE
4712217041	YES	THMA	MAZAMA (WESTERN) POCKET GOPHER	IO	INDIVIDUAL OCCURRENCE
4712217043	YES	THMA	MAZAMA (WESTERN) POCKET GOPHER	IO	INDIVIDUAL OCCURRENCE

YES under the "PRIORITY" column indicates that the species or habitat is considered a priority and is on the Priority Habitats and Species List and/or the Species of Concern List.

quadpt: 4712217019 sppcode: ORPI use: IO name: MOUNTAIN QUAIL
 year: 1992 class: GA accuracy: C state status: fed status:
 township - range - section: T18N R01W S24 NWOFNW occur#: 90 seqno: 1
 general description:
 MOUNTAIN QUAIL: 3 MALES AND 4 MALES OBSERVED AT CORNER OF PACIFIC AND MARVIN RD
 IN LACEY, WA. 10 OR 11 INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED AT SAME LOCATION IN 1988.

quadpt: 4712217021 sppcode: ORPI use: IO name: MOUNTAIN QUAIL
 year: 1993 class: GA accuracy: C state status: fed status:
 township - range - section: T18N R01W S26 NEOFNE occur#: 127 seqno: 1
 general description:
 MOUNTAIN QUAIL: UNKNOWN NUMBER OBSERVED EAST OF LONG LAKE

quadpt: 4712217023 sppcode: ORPI use: IO name: MOUNTAIN QUAIL
 year: 1993 class: GA accuracy: C state status: fed status:
 township - range - section: T18N R01W S39 occur#: 164 seqno: 1
 general description:
 MOUNTAIN QUAIL: 2 COVEYS OF UNKNOWN SIZE SEEN IN LACEY

quadpt: 4712217041 sppcode: THMA use: IO name: MAZAMA (WESTERN) POCKET GOPHER
 year: 2002 class: SA accuracy: C state status: SC fed status: FC
 township - range - section: T18N R01W S14 NWOFSE occur#: 17 seqno: 1
 general description:

WESTERN POCKET GOPHER SKELETON WAS FOUND ON PARKING LOT ISLAND AT CHURCH;
PROBABLY DROPPED THERE BY PREDATOR. CHURCH ADJACENT TO LARGE, UNDEVELOPED
FIELD AND STAND OF OAK, APPEARS TO BE HISTORIC PRAIRIE.

quadpt: 4712217043 sppcode: THMA use: IO name: MAZAMA (WESTERN) POCKET GOPHER
year: 2002 class: SA accuracy: C state status: SC fed status: FC
township - range - section: T18N R01W S14 NEOWSW occur#: 18 seqno: 1
general description:
WESTERN POCKET GOPHER. ONE ADULT FEMALE TRAPPED IN WEEDY LOT ON S. SIDE OF
RIVER RIDGE COVENANT CHURCH, .2 MI W OF INTERSECT. OF STEILACOOM AND MARVIN RD.
SPECIMEN TO BE DEPOSITED AT BURKE MUSEUM.

Note:

If known occurrences of spotted owls and marbled murrelets exist they will
be displayed on the accompanying map, however, detailed information for
them are not included in this report.

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE - PHS POLYGON REPORT
Report Date: 11/08/2002

form: 902,412 species/habitat: HALE species use: B season: WS F accuracy: 1
sitename: EAGLE TERRITORY
general description:
BALD EAGLE TERRITORY

source: SCHIRATO, WDW
date: 04 91 code: PROF
synopsis:
TERRITORIES WERE DRAWN BASED ON OBSERVED AERIAL SURVEY OBSERVATIONS, LOCAL KNOWL
EDGE AND LITERATURE INFORMATION ON BASIC EAGLE BEHAVIOR.

form: 902,432 species/habitat: AISP species use: B season: SUF accuracy: 1
sitename: LACEY
general description:
WOOD DUCK BREEDING AREA

source: FURRER, STEVE; SKRILETZ, JEFF
date: 04 91 code: PROF
synopsis:
ROUTINE FIELD VISITS OVER COMBINED SEVENTEEN YEARS OF OBSERVATIONS

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
 PRIORITY ANADROMOUS AND RESIDENT FISH PRESENCE REPORT FROM THE STREAMNET DATABASE
 IN THE VICINITY OF T18R01W SECTION 22
 Report Date: November 08, 2002

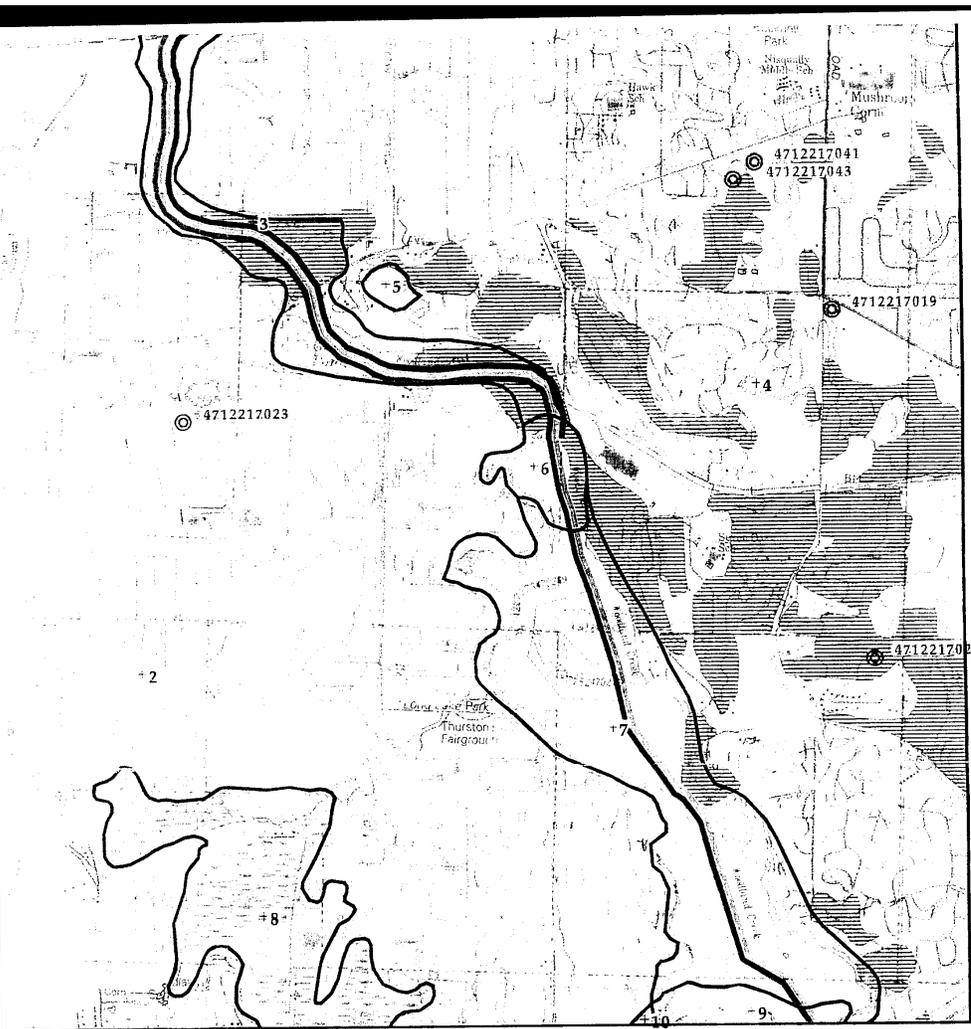
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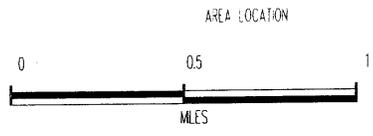
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November 26, 2002

Mr. Brian Nettles
Freeborn & Peters
311 South Wacker Drive
Suite 3000
Chicago, Illinois 60606-6677

Subject: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company Abandonment of
Olympia, Washington to Quadlock, Washington

Dear Mr. Nettles:

Thank you for your letter of October 31 requesting information pertaining to the existence of wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, national or state parks, or forests in the proposed project impact area of the above referenced railroad abandonment proposal.

I am happy to say that there are no impacts associated with DNR-managed lands in the referenced railway corridor. The DNR does manage a portion of the Chehalis Western Trail, a highly valued corridor used for walking, biking, horseback riding, and other uses in the vicinity. The abandonment proposal should not impact that trail.

If you have any further question about lands managed by DNR in the Thurston County area, please contact our Central Region Assistant Region Manager for State Lands, Jim Hotvedt at (360) 748-2383. He'll be happy to assist you.

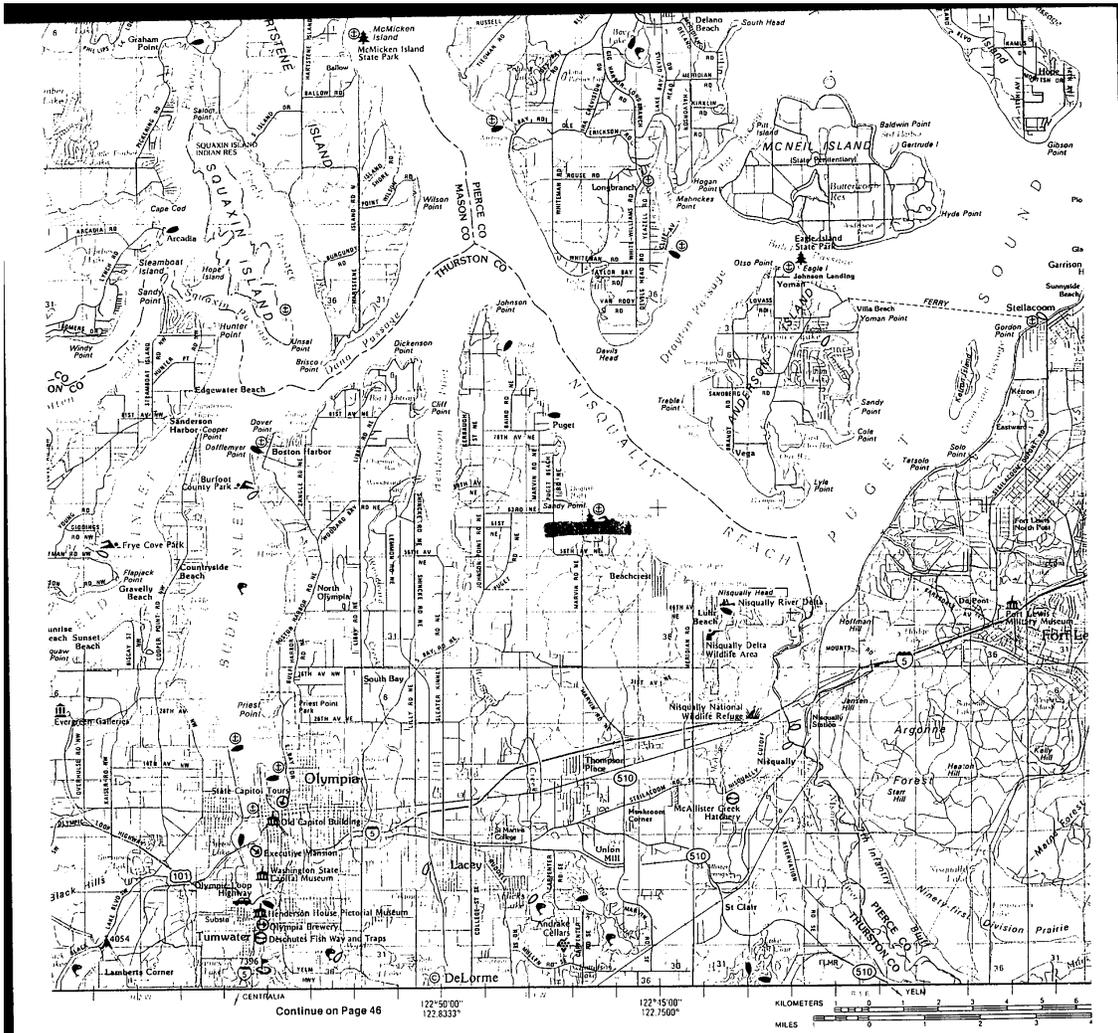
Sincerely,

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Doug Sutherland
Commissioner of Public Lands

c: Jim Hotvedt, Central Region

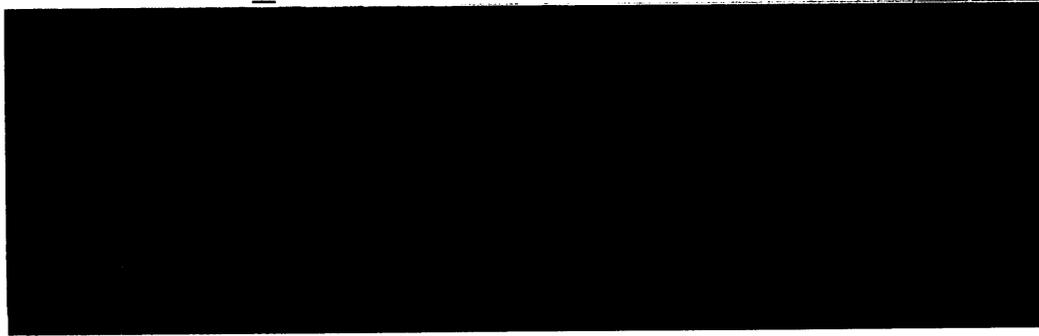
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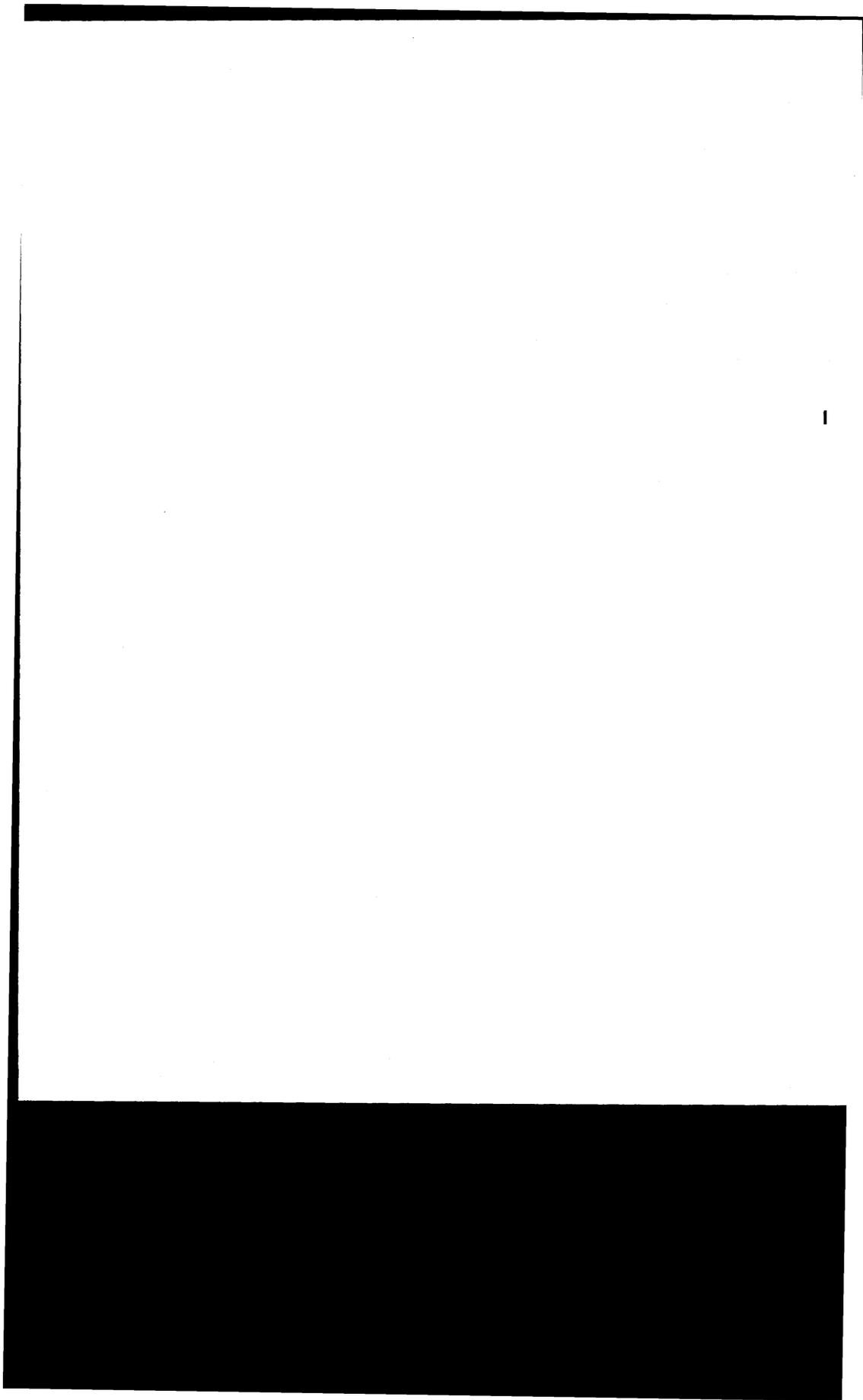


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November 19, 2002

Mr. Brian Nettles
Freeborn & Peters
311 South Wacker Drive, Suite 3000
Chicago, IL 60606-6677

Dear Mr. Nettles:

RE: Coverage under Ecology's General Stormwater Permit for Construction Activity

Project: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company Abandonment
Olympia to Quadlock, Washington (between milepost 9.07 to 3.27)

The Washington Department of Ecology has reviewed your October 31, 2002 letter regarding the above project.

Based upon our interpretation of the federal and state regulations, the abandonment project will not require coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the following reason:

There will be no soil disturbing activity. Track materials such as rails and ties may be removed but the roadbed will be left intact. No placement of dredge or fill material in any receiving waters is anticipated.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to Helen Pressley, the Ecology staff person who issues the Section 402 permits. You may contact her at (360) 407-6926.

If you need further consultation regarding stormwater discharges for the subject project, please contact Kerry Carroll, of Ecology's Southwest Regional Office in Lacey, at (360) 407-6294.

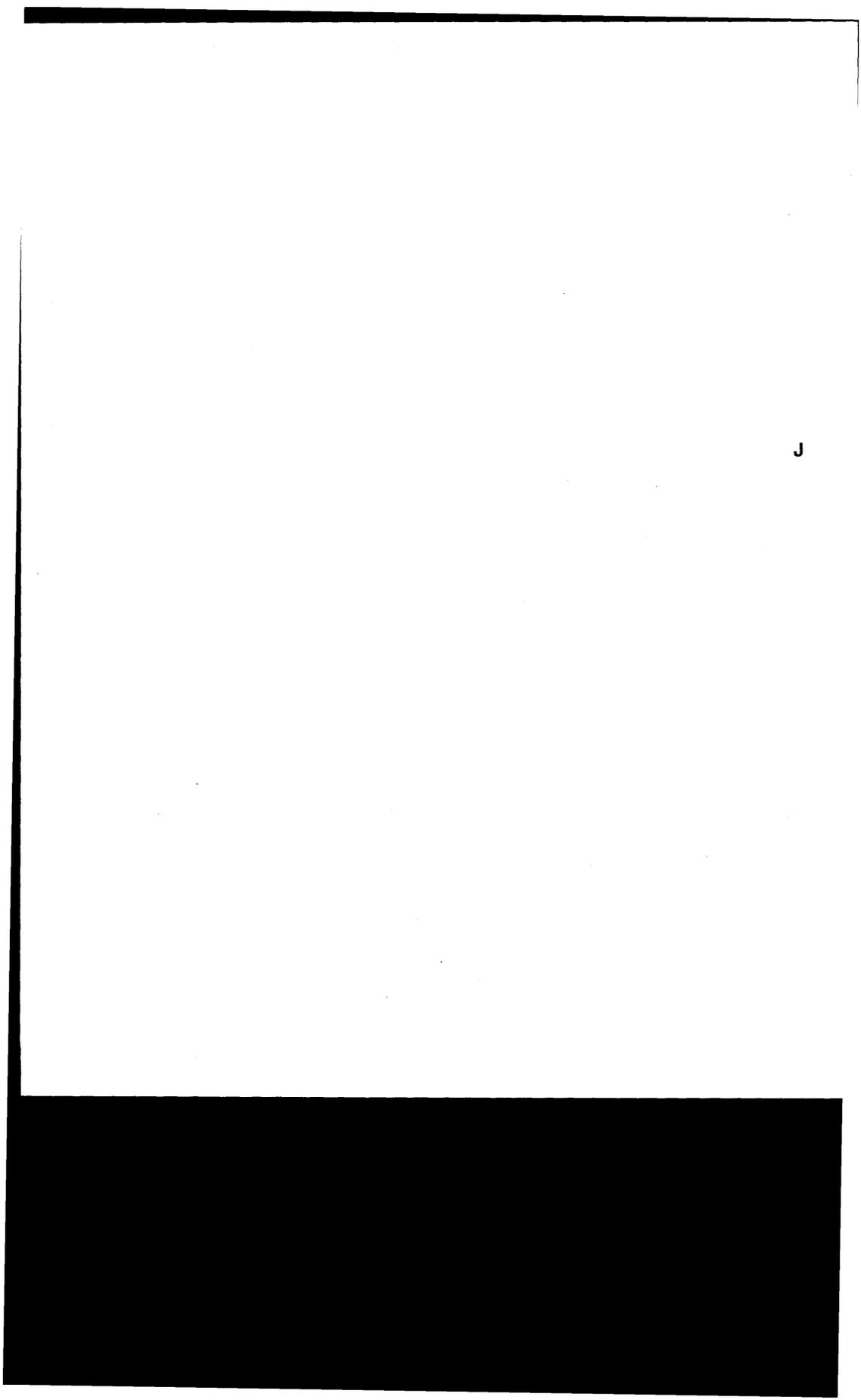
If you have any questions regarding this letter, call me at (360) 407-6437.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Matlock
Stormwater Unit
Water Quality Program

Cc: Helen Pressley, Ecology
Kerry Carroll, Ecology, SWRO





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Freeborn & Peters

October 31, 2002

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Re: *The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company Abandonment of Olympia, Washington to Quadlock, Washington*

Dear Mr. Gossett:

BNSF plans on filing with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon 5.8 miles of railroad line between milepost 9.07 in Olympia, Washington and milepost 3.27 in Quadlock, Washington in the near future.

As part of the environmental report BNSF needs to know whether or not Section 404 permits are required as a result of the proposed abandonment.

The proposed abandonment may require the removal of the track materials such as the rails and ties but the roadbed will be left intact. No placement of dredge or fill material in any inland waterways is anticipated to result from abandonment and/or salvage.

For your reference I have enclosed a map of the above referenced railroad line. Please provide this information as soon as possible. If you have any questions, or if you would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at (312) 360-6336.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Brian Nettles

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Enclosure

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Brian Nettles
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December 11, 2002

RE: BNSF Railway Abandonment of Olympia, Washington to Quadlock, Washington

Dear Mr. Nettles:

After reviewing the FEMA floodplain maps, it appears that the only locations where the railroad could have an impact on the floodplain is where it crosses Mullen Road between Pattison Lake and Long Lake. However, the grade is much higher at this point as the track is on a trestle.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (360) 491-5600 or you may email me at ehielema@ci.lacey.wa.us.

Sincerely,

Eric Hielema, P.E.
Water Resources Engineer

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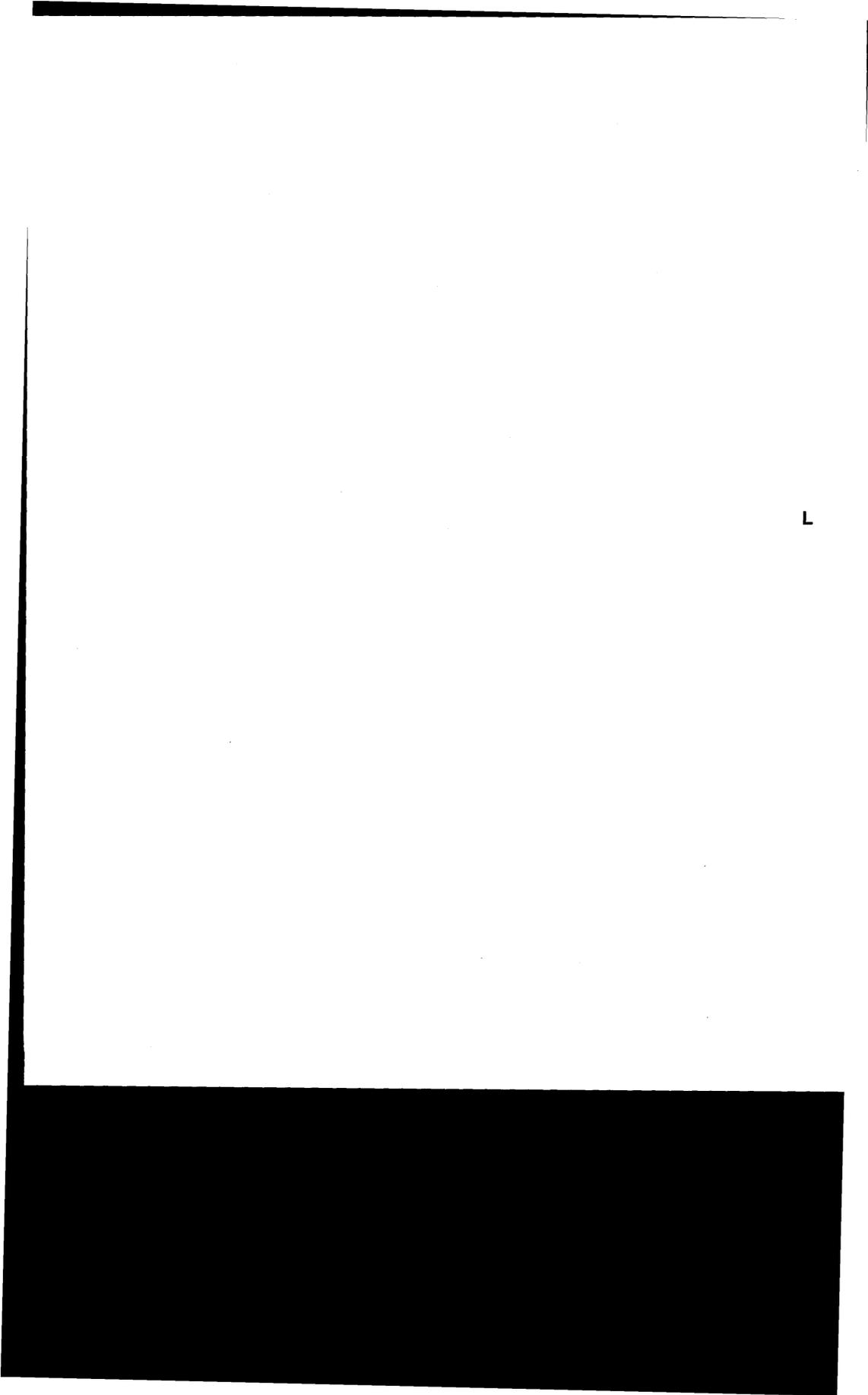
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November 26, 2002

Mr. Brian Nettles
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Chicago, Illinois 60606-6677

Re: BN&SF Railway Abandonment
Log No.: 112502-11-STB

Dear Mr. Nettles:

We have reviewed the materials forwarded to our office for the proposed Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company abandonment of its line from Olympia MP 9.07 to Quadlock MP 3.27 in Thurston County, Washington. Based upon this information we are of the opinion the proposed project will have no effect upon cultural properties included in the National and State Registers of Historic Places and the Washington State Archaeological and Historic Sites Inventories. Thus, no historic properties are affected.

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer in compliance with the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations 36CFR800.4. Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised, including information regarding historic properties that have not yet been identified.

We would appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties that you receive as you consult under the requirements of 36CFR800.4(a)(4). In the event that archaeological or historic materials are discovered during project activities, work in the immediate vicinity should be discontinued, the area secured, and the concerned tribes and this office notified. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and a copy of these comments should be included in subsequent environmental documents.

Sincerely,

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