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Northern Columbia Basin Railroad Project

Grant County International Airport
Thursday, November 20, 2008, 4 - 7 P.M.

The Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) are jointly conducting the required environmental review of a proposed rail project in the Moses Lake area, called the Northern Columbia Basin Railroad Project. The Port of Moses Lake has proposed this project to encourage economic development and the continued use and preservation of rail in the region.

SEA and WSDOT welcome your comments on the Preliminary Environmental Assessment, including suggestions for additional mitigation measures. Please leave your comments with us tonight or send them by **December 8, 2008** to Rail Environmental Manager Elizabeth Phinney, by email (phinnee@wsdot.wa.gov), by fax (360.705.6821), or by mail, WA St. Dept. of Transportation, Freight Systems Division, P.O. Box 47407, Olympia, WA 98504-7407.

Please tell us what you think

This project is a priority in the Big Bend Economic Development District. Rail service is a regional asset that improves the use and potential use of the industrial lands in Moses Lake and at the Port of Moses Lake. A number of companies that are currently located at the port indicated that their future decisions will be based on the availability of Rail. The Board of BBEDC voted to support the Port's efforts to improve rail service to the area.

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If we have a question about your comment, please tell us how to contact you.

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Thank you!