

Based on available information from all sources to date, the Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis and the Washington State Department of Transportation preliminarily conclude that, as currently proposed, the construction, acquisition and operation of approximately 11.5 miles of rail line in Grant County would not significantly affect the quality of the natural or human environment provided that the recommended mitigation measures, as set forth in this Environmental Assessment, are implemented. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is unnecessary in this proceeding.

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