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Hello;

Ecology submits the attached comments.

If you have any questions regarding the comments made, please contact the staff member listed in the attached letter.

For SEPA process questions, please contact Cindy Anderson at (509) 329-3442 or via email at Cindy.Anderson@ecy.wa.gov.

Thank you.

~Cindy



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Adam Assenza
Surface Transportation Board
395 "E" St. SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Northern Columbia Basin Railroad Project, Docket No. FD 34936

Dear Adam Assenza:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the National Environmental Policy Act-Environmental Assessment regarding the proposal analyze the potential environmental impacts of route modifications to an 11-mile rail line providing service to the northern area of the City of Moses Lake and eastern side of the Grant County International Airport (Proponent: Port of Moses Lake). The Department of Ecology (Ecology) has reviewed the documents and submits the following comments:

Water Quality Program-Shannon Adams (509) 329-3610

RCW 90.48.080 prohibits the discharge of polluting matter to Waters of the State of Washington. Any discharge of sediment-laden runoff or other pollutants to waters of the State without a permit violates RCW 90.48-Water Pollution Control, and WAC 173-201A-Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington and may be subject to enforcement action.

Even on projects that do not require a permit, the applicant shall not discharge polluting matter into Waters of the State of Washington or Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. The applicant must utilize adequate erosion and sediment control measures throughout the project.

Please implement and maintain Best Management Practices throughout the entirety of the project.

For technical assistance or additional information, please contact Shannon Adams at (509) 329-3610 or via email at Shannon.Adams@ecy.wa.gov.

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

Ecology bases comments upon information submitted for review. As such, comments made do not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations you may need to obtain, nor legal requirements you may need to fulfill in order to carry out the proposed action. Applicants should remain in touch with their Local Responsible Officials or Planners for additional guidance.

To receive more guidance on or to respond to the comments made by Ecology, please contact the appropriate staff listed above at the phone number or email provided.

Department of Ecology
Eastern Regional Office
(Ecology File #: 201904396)

cc: Richard Hanover, Dir of Business Development, Port of Moses Lake