



December 11, 2006

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**RE: Weekly Progress Report for Week Ending December 8, 2006
BNSF Skykomish Levee Zone Interim Action for Cleanup**

Dear Louise:

This weekly progress report is submitted on behalf of BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) per Agreed Order No. DE 3279 for the week ending December 8, 2006 and provides:

- A list of activities that have taken place during the week
- Detailed descriptions of any deviations from the Order and project plans
- Descriptions of all deviations from the schedule and any planned deviations in the upcoming week, and plans for recovering lost time and maintaining compliance with the schedule.

Activities

- Soil Handling:
 - Trains were received and loaded with excavated materials for off-site disposal on a daily basis, except for Saturday. It is estimated that 20 train loads of material remain to be transported off site.
- Restoration:
 - Foundation work was completed at the Mitchell east house.
 - Columns for porches were constructed.
 - The joint utility trench was largely completed. A PSE inspector was on site all week. Plumbing of water lines to the houses was completed.
 - Septic tanks were installed at the Moore, Mitchell and Mackner houses.
 - Heaters and dehumidifiers were operated in the houses 24-hours a day.

- Levee retaining wall design is in progress.
- Monitoring:
 - Noise monitoring was performed at the school and railyard.
- Document Preparation and Reporting:
 - Weekly progress report submitted to Ecology on December 4.
- Dewatering and Water Treatment:
 - The water treatment system on the railyard was on standby since there has been no run off from the stockpile area due to freezing conditions.
- Meetings and Conference Calls
 - Weekly construction meeting held in Skykomish between Wilder and RETEC, Tuesday, December 5 at 10:00 am

Activities scheduled for the week of December 11 include:

- Continue loading and transporting materials off-site for disposal as trains are available
- Place Mitchell east house on its foundation and pour concrete for basement floor
- Verizon inspector will be contacted. It is expected that Verizon and Potelco will install their lines in the conduit. Connections from the joint utility trench to individual houses for phone, water and electrical service will be installed. Wilder will dig trenches as necessary. Town will install water meters at each of the houses.
- Houses will be cleaned in preparation for return of residents
- Front porch steps will be constructed
- Begin work on retaining wall if design has been completed and it is determined that it can be completed this winter. If not, the levee will be fortified per discussions with Town.
- Continue operating heaters and dehumidifiers in the temporarily relocated houses
- Construct drainfields
- Weekly construction meeting in Skykomish between RETEC and Wilder – Tuesday December 12

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- Continue noise monitoring
- Continue discharge monitoring required by Exhibit J to the Agreed Order. Submit DMRs required by NPDES permit and Exhibit J of the Agreed Order.
- Continue preparation of contingency plan to transport material off site for disposal by March 30, 2007 as necessary based on predicted shipment rate

Deviations

There are no deviations from the Order and project plans to report.

Schedule

BNSF requested an extension of the December 9 deadline to have houses ready for occupancy to December 18. It was not possible to meet the December 9 deadline due to several factors. Joint utility trench construction was delayed because the Verizon design was received later than anticipated. Also, the permit for the Moore septic system was not signed until December 6, delaying installation of septic systems. Based on our current schedule, we plan to have utility hookups completed by December 18 at which time the relocated houses will be ready for occupancy. Plans to move residents back into their houses by December 23 remain on schedule.

Sincerely,

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