

Appendix P
State and Local Agency Letters



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Steven Fischer,

Bonner County OEM participated in the October 17-18, 2018 Lake Pend Oreille Geographic Response Plan (GRP) emergency response boom deployment exercise. BNSF has partnered with Bonner County and other stakeholders to update and test the Lake Pend Oreille GRP booming strategies and continues to collaborate to improve response plans and equipment deployment preparedness training in the event of an incident occurs in the LPO watershed.

BNSF has worked to refine the response strategies for the Long Bridge and the Clark Fork Delta by suggesting improvements to the strategy plans and by testing them. Additionally, BNSF recently mobilized additional response equipment to Sandpoint and the Clark Fork delta, including 3 mobile reels with 6,000 feet of boom, oil recovery skimmers, a Current Buster, and an airboat (delivery Jan. 2019). Use of the boom reels and airboat were demonstrated during the October exercise.

BNSF has exhibited a strong commitment to continue these efforts going forward, recognizing that an effective GRP requires testing and review.

Sincerely Bob Howard, Director

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John H. Tippetts, Director

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RE: Joint Application for Permit NWW-2007-01303, BNSF Sandpoint Junction Connector

Dear Mr. Fischer,

BNSF Railway has worked closely with Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Bonner County Office of Emergency Management, USEPA, and Idaho Office of Emergency Management in substantially improving the spill response capabilities in the Sandpoint, Idaho and Lake Pend Oreille area. Specifically, we have updated the Lake Pend Oreille Geographic Response Plan (GRP) and performed several emergency spill response exercises in the area to include actual boom deployment to validate the GRP. BNSF has partnered with Bonner County and local fire departments to stage additional booming and response equipment in the area as well as train stakeholders in the proper deployment of those resources.

BNSF has exhibited a strong commitment to continue these efforts going forward, recognizing that an effective response requires testing and review of current strategies. BNSF has worked to refine the response strategies for the Long Bridge and the Clark Fork Delta by suggesting improvements to the GRP. Additionally, BNSF recently mobilized additional response equipment to Sandpoint and the Clark Fork delta, including 3 mobile reels with 6,000 feet of boom and other equipment to protect the Clark Fork Delta.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John H. Tippetts".

John Tippetts
Director