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**Subject:** RE: EA Scope -BNSF Bridge-Lake Pend Oreille  
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Hi Diane,

I'm trying to get you a definitive answer regarding combining the EA. I double checked USCG guidance regarding the appropriateness of a CE vs. EA. Both the Lake Pend Oreille and Sand Creek projects will require at least an EA as they are new bridges. As soon as I hear definitively on combining both projects under one EA I'll let you know.

Thanks.

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From: Williams, Diane M. [<mailto:Diane.Williams@jacobs.com>]  
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Good Morning, John –

Any response/direction per the email below?

Thanks,

Diane

From: Williams, Diane M.  
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 4:29 PM  
To: John.J.Greene@uscg.mil  
Subject: EA Scope -BNSF Bridge-Lake Pend Oreille

Hi John –

Per our conversation today regarding needing an EA for the above project, I have a question regarding the EA scope with USCG as lead agency.

The proposed BNSF bridge over Lake Pend Oreille is a component of the larger BNSF Sandpoint Junction Connector project that includes construction of a second mainline track, signals and switches, and three bridges –over a street in Sandpoint (Bridge 3.0), over Sand Creek (Bridge 3.1), and over Lake Pend Oreille (Bridge 3.9).

You previously instructed that separate BAs are needed for Bridge 3.1 (no T&E species) and Bridge 3.9 because each bridge will be separately permitted. You also anticipate a CE for Bridge 3.1 and an EA for Bridge 3.9.

Given our conversation about potential public opinion on the project, the fact that the Corps is a cooperating agency that will need to issue an individual 404 permit for the overall Sandpoint Junction Connector project (with a public comment period), we need some direction on the scope of the EA. It is difficult to separately parse out Bridge 3.9 in an EA since it is a component of the larger project.

Should we prepare an overall EA for the entire Sandpoint Junction Connector project, or prepare an EA just for Bridge 3.9.? Which option would better serve the public interest and comment periods/requirements of both the USCG and the Corps?

Thanks John.

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