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**Re: BNSF Sandpoint Junction Connector, Bonner County, Idaho  
SHPO# 2018-365**

Dear Mr. Fischer:

Thank you for consulting with our office on the above referenced project. We understand the scope of work includes the construction of three new railroad bridges to accommodate a second rail line through Sandpoint, Bonner County, Idaho.

After reviewing the project submittal, our office is concerned the proposed project actions may have the potential to affect historic properties. The National Register eligible Upper Pend Oreille River Archaeological District is located within the area of potential effects (APE), however potential effects to this district are not fully evaluated in the cultural resources report. In addition, drawings such as site plans and elevations of the proposed bridges were not included in the submittal packet. This information is needed in order to fully assess effects to nearby historic properties.

Please provide this additional information at your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact me via phone or email at 208.488.7468 or [matt.halitsky@ishs.idaho.gov](mailto:matt.halitsky@ishs.idaho.gov).

Sincerely,

**Matthew Halitsky, AICP**  
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