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The Honorable Greg Gianforte  
House of Representatives  
1419 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Representative Gianforte:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated April 6, 2018 referencing the Sandpoint Junction Connector Project, which includes BNSF's proposed construction of a second railroad bridge across Lake Pend Oreille at Sandpoint, Idaho.

Thank you for your interest in this project and raising our awareness of its importance to the State of Montana and the entire Pacific Northwest. We have been and will continue to work with BNSF. Additionally, we are closely coordinating our efforts with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which also has permitting authority for this project. We continue to gather all of the information required for the Coast Guard to make a timely permit decision.

My House Liaison Office at (202) 225-4775 would be pleased to respond to any further questions you or your staff may have.

Sincerely,

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John P. Nadeau  
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard  
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The Honorable Kevin Cramer  
House of Representatives  
1419 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Cramer:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated April 17, 2018 referencing the Sandpoint Junction Connector Project, which includes BNSF's proposed construction of a second railroad bridge across Lake Pend Oreille at Sandpoint, Idaho.

Thank you for your interest in this project and raising our awareness of its importance to the State of North Dakota and the entire Pacific Northwest. We have been and will continue to work with BNSF. Additionally, we are closely coordinating our efforts with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which also has permitting authority for this project. We continue to gather all of the information required for the Coast Guard to make a timely permit decision.

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