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The Honorable Shelby Rognstad
Sandpoint City Hall
1123 Lake Street
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Dear Mayor Rognstad:

This is in response to your letters dated March 13, 2018 and May 3, 2018 regarding 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 concerns your constituents have articulated. We are coordinating our efforts with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which has permitting authority for a portion of the project as well, and will thoroughly analyze all relevant information required for the Coast Guard to make a reasoned determination regarding the best manner in which we may address environmental impacts this project may potentially pose.

Should you or your staff have any further questions, please contact Commander Adam Chamie, Coast Guard Office of Governmental and Public Affairs, at (202) 225-4775.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Emerson".

Michael D. Emerson
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Director, Marine Transportation Systems