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Mr. Matthew Keim
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Dear Mr. Keim:

The Coast Guard has completed its review of the *Sandpoint Junction Connector Project Draft Environmental Assessment* dated August 14, 2018. Partner agencies that participated in the review included the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, representatives of the Kootenai Tribe and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. A list of comments is included as Enclosure (1) for your review as well as the environmental document itself, which has been converted to Word format with embedded track changes and interagency comment bubbles.

The comments and revisions as furnished should inform final preparation of the Draft Environmental Assessment that will be released for public review and comment. This does not preclude the possibility that information may subsequently be discovered or provided through the comment period that could necessitate preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement.

Please contact Mr. Steven Fischer, 13th Coast Guard District Bridge Manager, at (206) 220-7282 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian L. Dunn".

Brian L. Dunn
Chief, Office of Bridge Programs
U. S. Coast Guard

Enclosure: (1) Draft EA Comments

Copies: Mr. Pierre Bordenave, Director – Environmental Rail, Jacobs Inc.
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