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AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC NOTICE

All interested parties are notified that the Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District announces the availability of a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for the proposed construction of railroad bridges across Lake Pend Oreille and Sand Creek at Sandpoint, Bonner County, Idaho. The proposed bridges will be built parallel to existing railroad bridges crossing the same waterbodies. As structures over navigable waters of the United States, the proposed bridges will require a Coast Guard bridge permit. The Coast Guard is making the draft EA available for public review and requests public comments.

Public Notice 01-19 dated February 6, 2019 has been published on the USCG Navigation Center website at: <u>http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/index.php</u> under the Current Operational/Safety Information section.

The public notice contains a detailed description of the EA and provides further instructions regarding how to provide comments.

The public notice may also be obtained by calling the *Thirteenth Coast Guard District Bridge* Branch at (202) 220-7282 or by writing to Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District, 915 2nd Avenue, Seattle, WA 98174-1067.

Interested parties are requested to express their views on the draft EA published in the Federal Register on or before the date listed in the Notice of Availability for this project.

FOR THE DISTRICT COMMANDER:

Steven Fischer District Bridge Manager By direction

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