

April 19, 2017 – Article in Sandpoint Reader states BNSF Railway plans to move forward with second bridge over Lake Pend Oreille.

May 12, 2017 – Shane Slate, USACE Regulatory Project Manager, reaches out to Danny McReynolds to introduce himself and inquire about the BNSF Lake Pend Oreille bridge project.

August 8, 2017 – Initial pre-application meeting with BNSF Railway project team including Jacobs Engineering at USCG D13.

October 18, 2017 – Email question from BNSF (Jacobs) regarding scope of NEPA EA.

October 23, 2017 – USCG informed BNSF (Jacobs) that both BNSF Sand Cr. Bridge and BNSF Lake Pend Oreille Bridge projects “will require at least an EA as they are new bridges.”

October 23, 2017 – USCG informed BNSF (Jacobs) that both Sandpoint bridge projects could be covered under a combined EA.

October 25, 2017 – Formal pre-application meeting with BNSF Railway project team at USCG D13.

December 14, 2017 – USCG downloaded from BNSF’s contractor Jacobs and began review of informal pre-application package.

December 22, 2017 – BNSF submits formal bridge permit application package.

December 29, 2017 – USCG received navigation report for BNSF Sand Creek Bridge.

January 3, 2018 – USCG sent application acknowledgement letters to BNSF.

January 5, 2018 – USCG provides comments to BNSF on Draft Cultural Resources report.

January 9, 2018 – Shane Slate, USACE, contacted Steve Fischer regarding coordination on the Corps PN.

January 10, 2018 – USCG receives revised Cultural Resources report from BNSF (Jacobs).

January 17, 2018 – Further coordination with USACE on their upcoming PN.

January 23, 2018 – USCG provided input to USACE on their draft PN.

January 24, 2018 – USCG sent application incomplete letters to BNSF.

January 25, 2018 – USCG sends Section 106 consultation initiation letters to Tribes and Idaho State Historical Society.

January 25, 2018 – Received notification from Matt Halitsky, Idaho SHPO, that Section 106 letter to SHPO would need to be submitted by hard copy.

January 29, 2018 – USCG verified with BNSF Project Manager, Matthew Keim, that it would be OK with BNSF for USCG to share drawings from application with USACE.

January 29, 2018 – USCG shared bridge permit application drawings and Sec. 106 correspondence with USACE.

January 30, 2018 – USCG sends hard copy Section 106 report to Idaho SHPO via FedEx.

February 7, 2018 – USCG received Lake Pend Oreille navigation report and addendum to Sand Creek navigation report from BNSF (Jacobs).

February 12, 2018 – USCG provided comments on draft BA to BNSF (Jacobs).

February 12, 2018 – USCG asked BNSF (Jacobs) when the draft NEPA EA would be available for review.

February 20, 2018 – USCG received revised BA from BNSF (Jacobs).

February 26, 2018 – USACE notified USCG that their PN published.

February 27, 2018 – USCG received Idaho SHPO initial review findings/concerns via U.S. Mail.

February 27, 2018 – USCG received response from Kootenai Tribe of Idaho expressing interest in initiating Government-to-Government consultation.

February 27, 2018 – USCG forwarded SHPO comments to BNSF (Jacobs).

February 27, 2018 – BNSF (Jacobs) responded to USCG regarding SHPO comments.

March 1, 2018 – BNSF (Jacobs) informs USCG they are still working on the draft NEPA EA.

March 2, 2018 – USACE sent meeting invitation to USCG D13 Bridge Program staff for May 23, 2018 BNSF LPO (Lake Pend Oreille) public hearing.

March 5, 2018 – USACE requested a conference call with USCG to discuss respective permitting processes, roles/coordination, and controversy surrounding project.

March 5, 2018 – USCG forwarded initial Lake Pend Oreille Waterkeeper comment letter to BNSF (Jacobs) and indicated that draft EA needed to address concerns brought up in letter and provide mitigation for the concerns expressed in the letter and any others they anticipated. (USCG staff was/is aware that project's environmental staff is located in the potentially impacted community.)

March 5, 2018 – BNSF (Jacobs) responded to above by stating the issues from the Waterkeeper letter would be addressed in the EA.

March 6, 2018 – USCG received email from staff of Idaho Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter expressing support for the project.

March 7, 2018 – USCG reached out to Marshall Williams, USFWS, to verify he was appropriate contact to for ESA Section 7 review. Mr. Williams never responded back.

March 7, 2018 – USCG responded back to Idaho SHPO with BNSF Lake Pend Oreille Bridge plan set and BNSF (Jacobs) response to initial SHPO comments.

March 8, 2018 – Idaho SHPO responded back to USCG requesting plans for other two bridges, BNSF Sand Creek Bridge and "bridge" over Bridge Street.

March 8, 2018 – USCG provided to Idaho SHPO preliminary plans for BNSF Sand Creek Bridge and informed Idaho SHPO that other structure outside USCG jurisdiction.

March 8, 2018 – SHPO responded to USCG that they would be unable to concur with the recommended determination without information on the other structure.

March 9, 2018 – USCG provided Kootenai Tribe letter to USACE for their info/files.

March 13, 2018 – Conference call between USCG and USACE regarding flood of comments, each agency's permitting and public process, and potential need for EIS.

March 16, 2018 – Initial contact with June Bergquist, Idaho Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding the project's WQC.

March 16, 2018 – USCG notified USACE that USCG still evaluating appropriate NEPA document.

March 23, 2018 – USCG and Idaho DEQ discussed bridge permit process via phone conference.

March 26, 2018 – USACE notified USCG of extension of comment period.

March 27, 2018 – USCG attempted to contact BNSF PM to discuss need for EIS. When response from BNSF not forthcoming, USCG contacted BNSF's agent for the bridge permit application, Jacobs, and informed them that an EIS would be required. Jacob's contacted BNSF's PM who was unavailable to discuss the issue with USCG.

March 28, 2018 – Jacobs set up a phone conference meeting for April 4, 2018 to have USCG and BNSF discuss need for EIS.

March 30, 2018 – USCG D13 Chief of Staff received call from Mr. Jim Sartucci, Government Affairs Counselor for K&L Gates, representing BNSF expressing concern about conducting EIS rather than EA.

April 3, 2018 – USCG cancels April 4, 2018 conference call.

April 3, 2018 – USCG receives email from BNSF (Jacobs) with link to draft EA.

April 5, 2018 – Shane Slate, USACE, sent email wondering if any updates from USCG regarding the project.

April 11, 2018 – USCG D13 internal Media Engagement Strategy meeting.

April 11, 2018 – Jacobs provides updated BA to USCG D13.

April 18, 2018 – BNSF requests meeting with D13 staff for either May 3<sup>rd</sup> or May 4<sup>th</sup>.

April 23, 2018 – USCG D13 receives draft Water Quality Certification from Idaho Dept. of Environmental Quality.

May 8, 2018 – Marshall Williams, USFWS, responded to email sent March 7, 2018 from USCG D13 requesting direction on how (electronic vs. hard copy) to initiate ESA consultation and who to send correspondence to.

May 14, 2018 – USCG receives invitation from Shane Slate, USACE, for coordination call in preparation for May 23, 2018 public meetings.

May 15, 2018 - USCG attends coordination call with USACE. Discussed each agency's messaging for the IDL Hearing on May 23, 2018.

May 15, 2018 – USFWS inquired whether USCG would participate in ESA mitigation discussions.

May 23, 2018 – USCG receives draft Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification from Idaho Dept. of Environmental Quality via Idaho Dept. of Lands and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

May 23, 2018 – Idaho Department of Lands Public Hearings at Sandpoint, Idaho. USCG and USACE in attendance.

May 31, 2018 – USCG Bridge Program HQ coordination with Dava Kaitala, BNSF General Director Construction Permitting, regarding providing environmental documentation needs by June 8, 2018, and subsequent EA/EIS decision to follow.

June 8, 2018 – USCG Bridge Program HQ coordinated with Idaho DEQ on contents of the draft Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification.

June 12, 2018 – USCG Bridge Program HQ coordination with USFWS regarding Section 7 ESA consultation.

June 15, 2018 – USCG Bridge Program HQ, USCG District 13 Bridge Office, BNSF, and Jacobs participated in conference call to review comments provided to the BNSF/Jacobs team on the draft NEPA Environmental Assessment document.

June 19, 2018 – USCG District 13 Bridge Program coordinated with USFWS on initiating the ESA Sec. 7 review.

June 22, 2018 – USCG Bridge Program HQ contacted June Berquist at Idaho DEQ and verified that the CWA Sec. 401 WQC developed for the project would cover work associated with the USCG Bridge Permit as well as the USACE CWA Sec. 404 Permit. Also discussed NEPA document review coordination.

June 22, 2018 – USCG Bridge Program HQ contacted Shane Slate, USACE, to discuss NEPA document review coordination.

June 22, 2018 – USCG Bridge Program HQ contacted Chrissa Bujak, USEPA Section 404 Division, to discuss NEPA document review coordination.

June 22, 2018 – Idaho Department of Lands provides USCG with copy of Encroachment Permit No. L-96-S-0096E which was issued June 21, 2018.

June 26, 2018 – USCG District 13 Tribal Liaison coordinated with Dean Holecek, USACE Walla Walla District Tribal Liaison on Tribal outreach for the project.

June 27, 2018 – USCG Bridge Program HQ and District 13 discussed draft BA review and ESA Section 7 process timeline with Marshall Williams and Katy Fitzgerald, USFWS.

June 28, 2018 – USCG attended first weekly project coordination call with BNSF. Topics discussed included ESA, NHPA 106, CWA 401 and 404 permits.

June 29, 2018 – USCG received voice mail from Matt Halitsky, Idaho State Historic Preservation Officer, stating that he received supplemental information on the project plans for the Bridge Street overpass (BNSF Bridge 3.0) and he anticipated issuing a statement of concurrence during the week ending July 6, 2018.

July 5, 2018 – USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF. Topics discussed included: a comment response tracking tool, ESA consultation with USFWS, federal permit status (401, 404, IDL encroachment permit).

July 5, 2018 – USCG District 13 received call from Marshall Williams, USFWS, stating that 12 barges associated with work on the existing BNSF Lake Pend Oreille Bridge had launched into Lake Pend Oreille. All but 3 of the barges had not been inspected for invasive species before launch into the lake, a violation of Idaho law. Dead quagga/zebra mussels were found on one of the three barges inspected. The action of launching the barges without inspection/sterilization risks infesting the Lake Pend Oreille watershed with invasive species. Mr. Williams followed up the call by forwarding the email on this topic to USCG District 13 Bridge Program. From there, the email was forwarded to USCG District 13 DPW, USCG Bridge Program HQ, USCG Sector Puget Sound, and the BNSF Sandpoint Junction Connector Project Team.

July 6, 2018 – USCG Bridge Program HQ spoke with U.S. EPA (NEPA Division) Idaho office regarding review of the draft NEPA document.

July 10, 2018 – USCG District 13 forwarded Idaho SHPO letter to Jacobs. Additional reporting required for NHPA Section 106 compliance.

July 12, 2018 – USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF. Topics discussed include: the NEPA EA, ESA consultation, SHPO consultation.

July 13, 2018 – USCG District 13 received call from Shane Slate, USACE, responding to emailed questions on information needs in the NEPA document for the Clean Water Act Section 404 permit, on who to at USACE to send draft NEPA document, and on alternative public meeting strategies.

July 20, 2018 – USCG attends Pre-BA submittal meeting with USFWS and BNSF team.

August 8, 2018 - USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF. Topics discussed included: the USCG bridge permit applications, BA submittal date, floodplain and encroachment permits.

September 6, 2018 - USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF. Topics discussed included: Draft EA review, ESA BA review by USFWS, NHPA 106 consultation, navigation issues.

September 13, 2018 - USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF. Topics discussed included: project design status, draft EA review, NEPA timeline, permits, navigation.

September 20, 2018 - USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF. Topics discussed included: Draft EA status, ESA BA review by USFWS, NHPA 106 consultation.

September 27, 2018 - USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF. Topics discussed included: GRP exercise, design progression, navigation, bridge plans, & other permits.

October 11, 2018 - USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF. Topics discussed included: Draft EA review by agencies & tribes, ESA BA review by USFWS, other permits and issues.

Feb 7, 2019 - USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF. Topics discussed included: Draft EA review, and NOA, plans for a public meeting in project area.

Feb 14, 2019 - USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF. Topics discussed included: Design progression, navigation, draft EA public meeting.

Feb 21, 2019 - USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF. Topics discussed included: Design progression, navigation, draft EA public meeting.

Feb 28, 2019 - USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF. Topics discussed included: design progression, navigation, draft EA, public comments on the draft EA, permits.

March 7, 2019 - USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF. Topics discussed included:

March 13, 2019 – USCG attended public meetings in Idaho for the draft EA.

March 27, 2019 – Received draft BIOP for review from Idaho USFWS. Provided comments on 3/28/19.

March 28, 2019 - USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF. Topics discussed included: debrief of public meetings, public comments, and responses, USFWS BO conditions, attempts to contact tribes for comment, other permits. Second public notice and comment period.

April 1, 2019 - Posted notice on NAVCEN to extend public comment period until 5/1/19.

April 4, 2019 - USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF. Topics discussed included: second public notice, temporary bridges, ESA BA USFWS response, tribal consultation, other permits.

April 11, 2019 - USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF. Topics discussed included: design progression, draft EA remaining issues to address, rail capacity.

April 18, 2019- USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF. Topics discussed included: Socioeconomics memo, draft EA remaining issues.

April 30, 2019 – USCG agrees to one time monitoring of sound pressure levels at Trestle Creek.

May 2, 2019 - USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF. Topics discussed included: coal dust, hazardous materials, derailments, response to public comments.

May 16, 2019 - USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF. Topics discussed included: hazardous materials, GRP, capacity, coal dust, socioeconomics, derailments.

May 22, 2019 – USCG issues “Revised Preliminary Navigation Determination for bridges 3.1 and 3.9.

May 30, 2019 – USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF. Topics discussed included: final EA schedule, response to comments, other permits and issues.

June 6, 2019- USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF.

June 12, 2019 – USCG issues “Incomplete Application” letters to BNSF for bridges 3.1 and 3.9.

June 13, 2019- USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF. Topics discussed included: draft final EA schedule, including delivery to USCG, and USCG permit decision goal by September.

June 20, 2019- Weekly project coordination call with BNSF is cancelled.

June 27, 2019 – USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF & Jacobs. Topics discussed included: draft final EA review and distribution, socioeconomic comments, air quality analysis.

June 28, 2019 – USCG receives draft final EA from Jacobs.

July 4, 2019 - Weekly project coordination meeting with BNSF & Jacobs is cancelled.

July 11, 2019 – USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF & Jacobs. Topics discussed included: draft final EA review by USCG and comments back to Jacobs.

July 24, 2019 – USCG provides Jacobs with comments on the draft final EA.

July 25, 2019 – USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF & Jacobs. Topics discussed included USCG comments on the draft final EA, and remaining items needed for a complete bridge permit application, including a complete EA.

August 1 – USCG attended weekly project coordination call with BNSF & Jacobs. Topics discussed included the status of final EA, USACE 404 permit, local flood zone permits, schedule for processing the USCG bridge permit.

August 2 – Received draft final EA from Jacobs with edits to address comments of the USCG.