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19 December 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE (05-18)

The Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District has received an application from BNSF Railway Co. (BNSF), requesting approval of location and plans for a new bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States. At this time the Coast Guard has not completed the draft environmental document and a separate public notice (PN) and Federal Register notice will be published announcing the document and its availability at a future date. Therefore, this PN is soliciting for comments exclusively related to navigation. The public is highly encouraged to carefully review this notice, attached plans, and diagrams and then provide comments with regard to the proposed bridge's ability to meet the reasonable needs of navigation.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Sand Creek, river mile 0.1, in Bonner County, ID, at latitude, longitude 48°16'19.35"N, 116°32'38.17"W.

CHARACTER OF WORK: BNSF proposes to construct a new bridge approximately 23.4 feet west of, and parallel to, the existing bridge, and will be 505 feet long (approximately 150 feet over navigable areas of Sand Creek) and 21 feet wide. The existing bridge will remain in service.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCE: (at ordinary high water, OHW)

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Horizontal:	Main Channel 45.0 ft. N. Side Channel 45.0 ft. S. Side Channel 33.0 ft.	Main Channel 71.0 ft. (45ft*) N. Side Channel 17.0 ft. S. Side Channel 13.0 ft.
Vertical:	16.1 ft.	16.8 feet

* See attached drawing for explanation *

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: Mariners and maritime stakeholders are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge and its possible impact on navigation, if any, giving sufficient detail to establish a clear understanding of their reasons for support of, or opposition to, the proposed work.

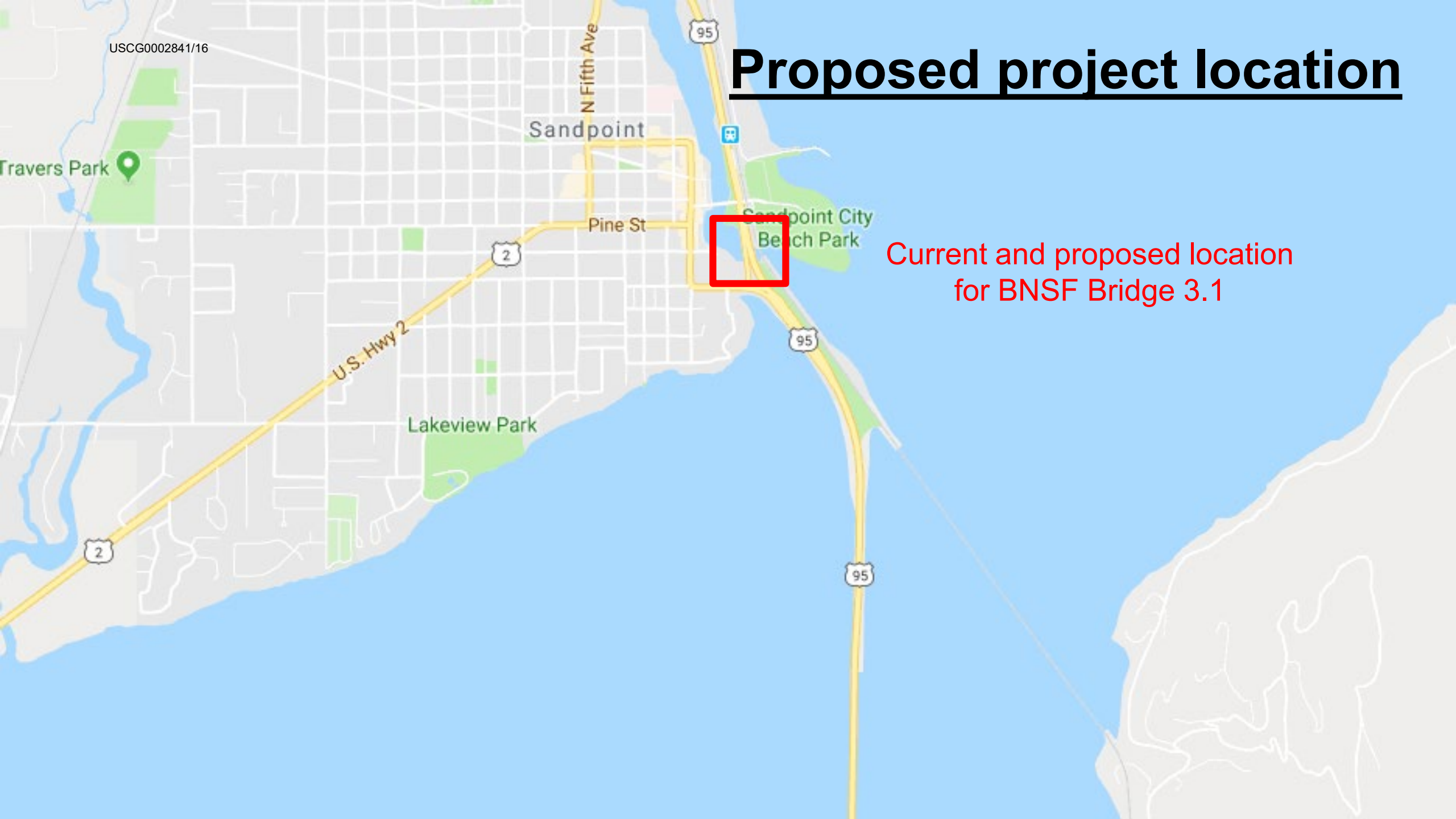
Comments will be received for the record at the office of: Commander (dpw), Thirteenth

Coast Guard District, 915 2nd Ave, Rm 3510, Seattle, WA or via email at D13-PF-D13BRIDGES@uscg.mil. Comments should be mailed to arrive on or before 17 January 2019.

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STEVEN M. FISCHER
Chief, Bridge Program
Thirteenth Coast Guard District
By direction of the District Commander

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Travers Park

Sandpoint

Pine St

Sandpoint City
Beach Park

Lakeview Park

U.S. Hwy 2

Proposed project location

Current and proposed location
for BNSF Bridge 3.1

USCG0002851/16

BNSF ROW

PERMANENT NEARSHORE FILL BELOW OHWM 2062.5 FT: 0.01 AC

PERMANENT WETLAND FILL AREA: 0.28 AC

PROPOSED BRIDGE 3.1

PROPOSED BRIDGE 3.0

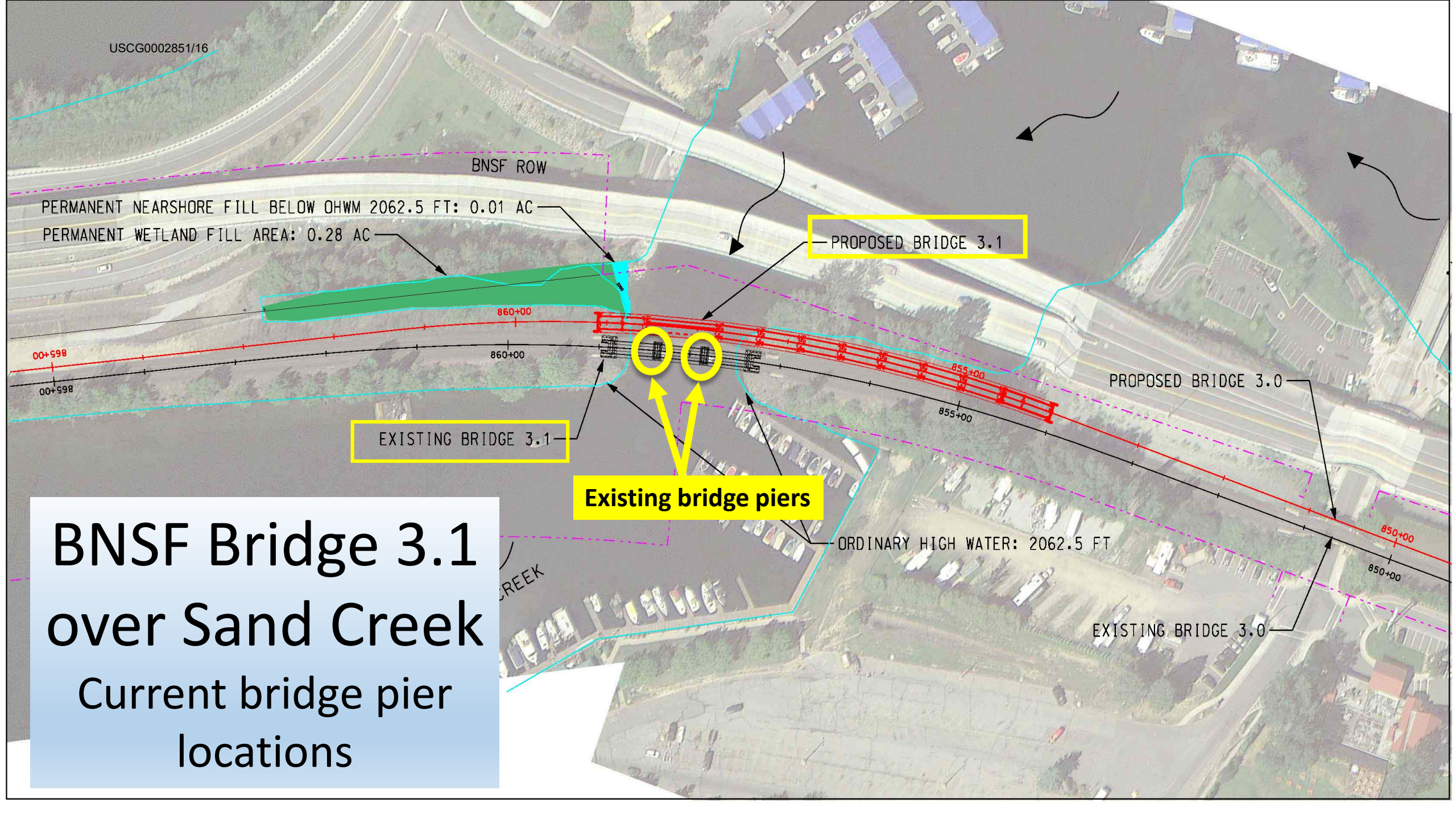
EXISTING BRIDGE 3.1

Existing bridge piers

ORDINARY HIGH WATER: 2062.5 FT

EXISTING BRIDGE 3.0

BNSF Bridge 3.1
over Sand Creek
Current bridge pier
locations



Proposed new bridge piers

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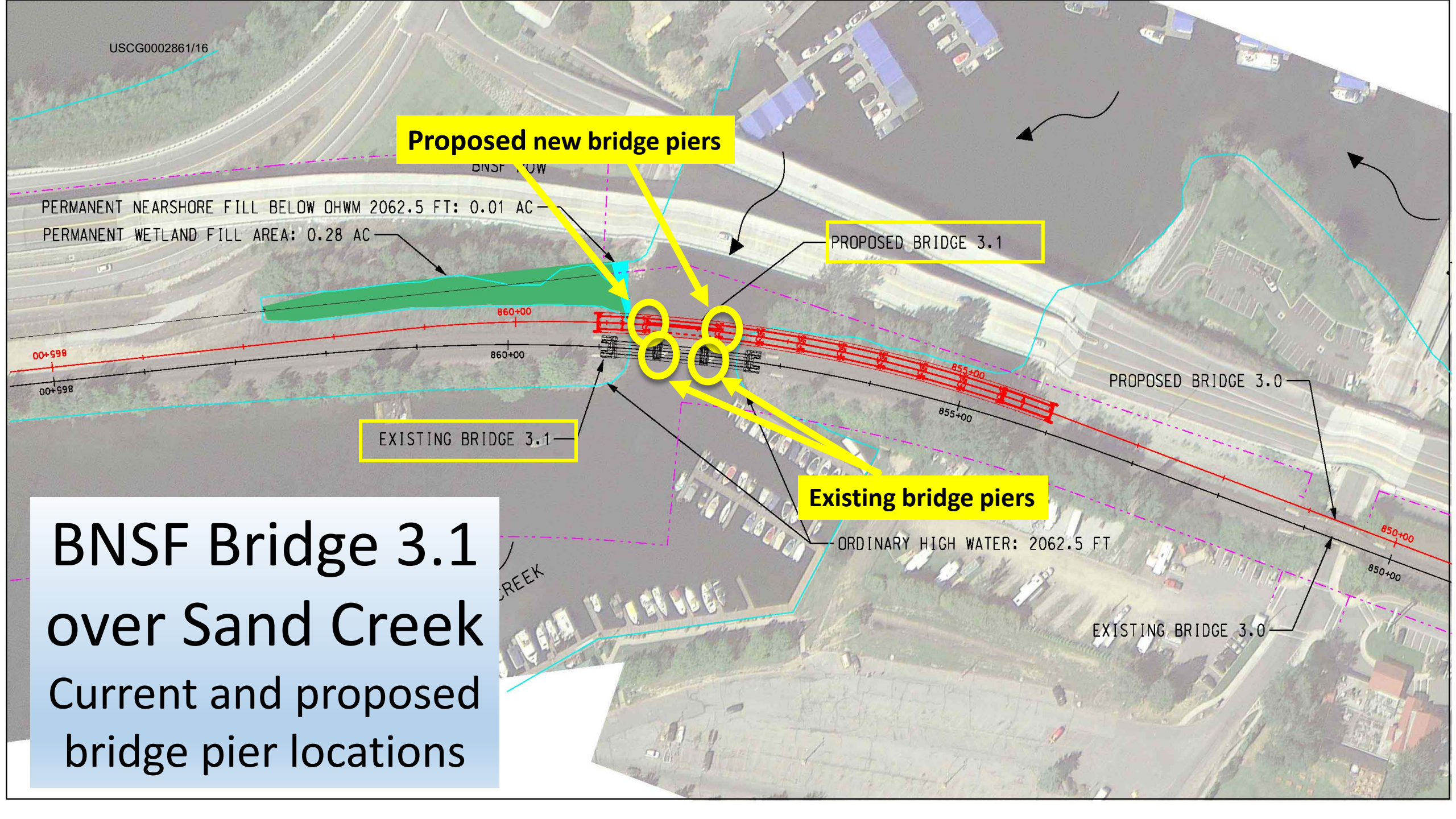
Existing bridge piers

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**BNSF Bridge 3.1
over Sand Creek**
Current and proposed
bridge pier locations



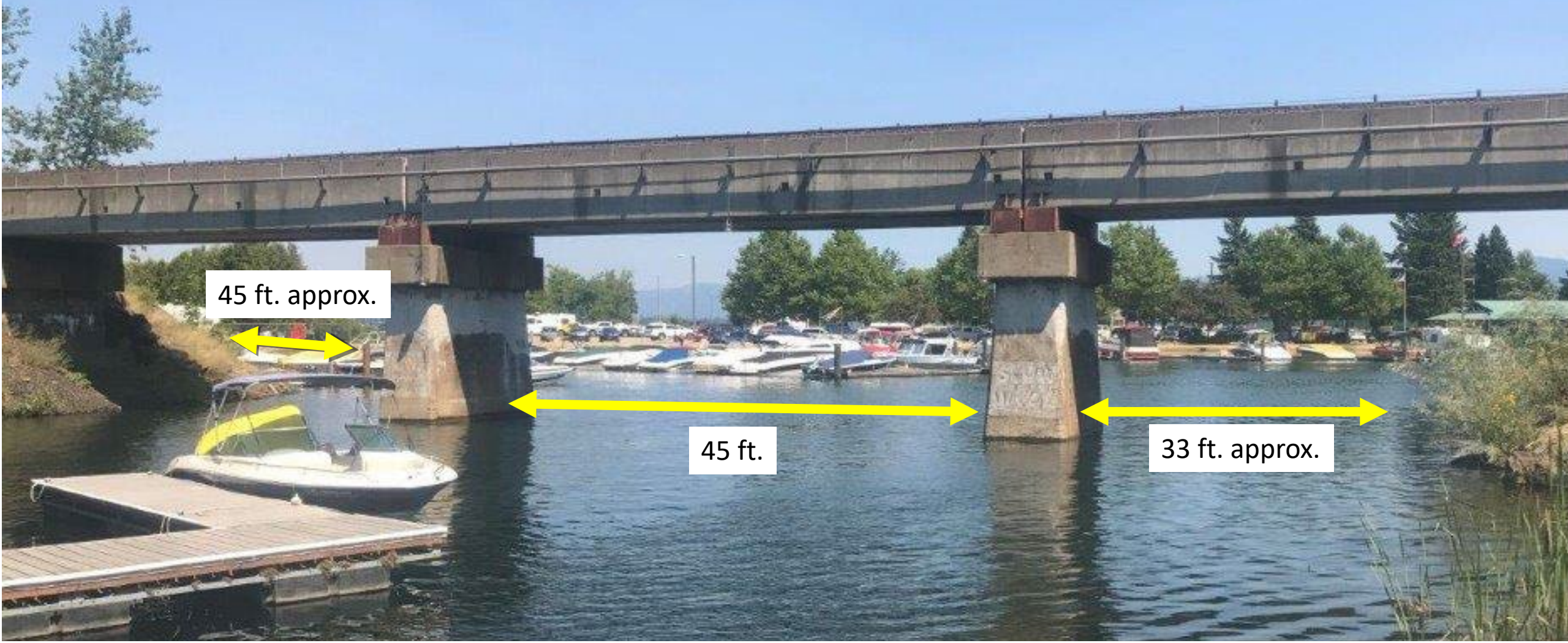
BNSF Bridge 3.1 over Sand Creek

Current navigation and bridge pier configuration



BNSF Bridge 3.1 over Sand Creek

Current horizontal navigation clearances
@ Ordinary High Water (OHW)



45 ft. approx.

45 ft.

33 ft. approx.

BNSF Bridge 3.1 over Sand Creek

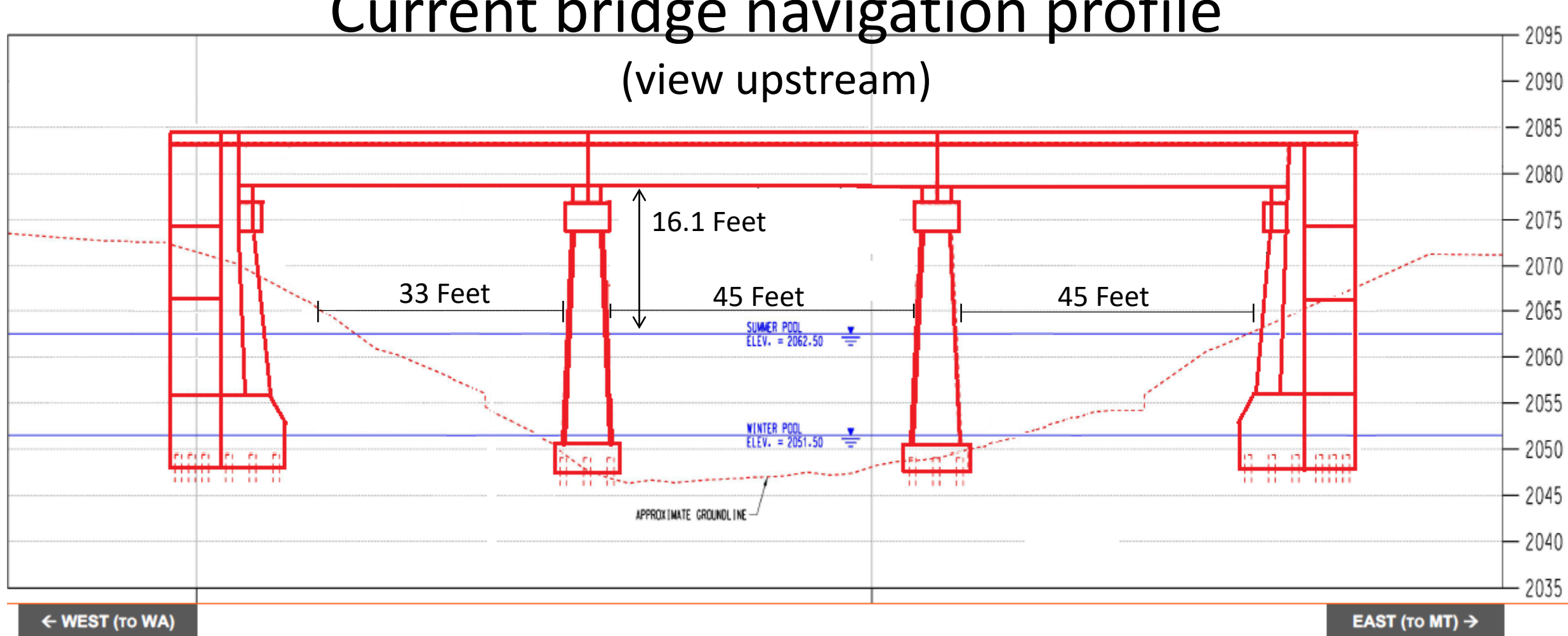
Current and proposed bridge pier placement



Proposed Bridge Concept Drawing

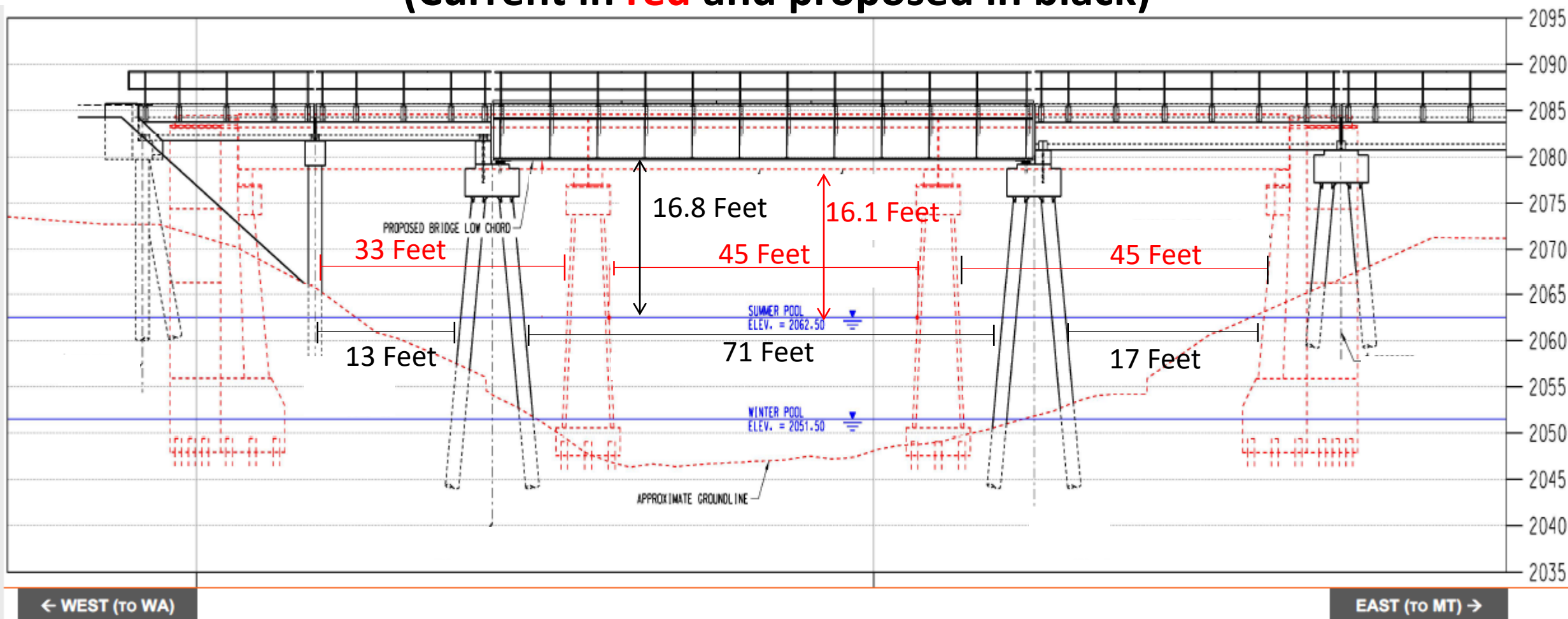
BNSF Bridge 3.1 over Sand Creek

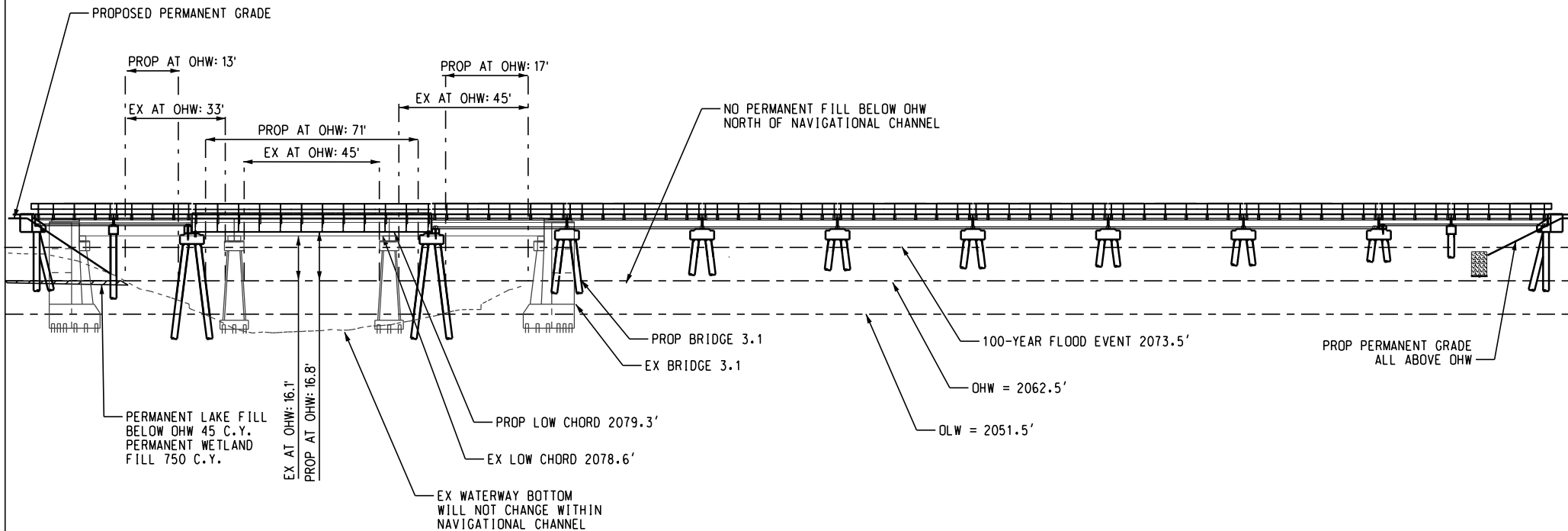
Current bridge navigation profile (view upstream)



BNSF Bridge 3.1 over Sand Creek


Current and proposed bridges overlay (view upstream)
(Current in **red** and proposed in **black**)





BASED ON: HANSON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC. PRELIMINARY PLANS. ELEVATIONS ARE RELATIVE TO NAVD88. CONCEPTUAL PLANS UTILIZED TO OBTAIN COAST GUARD BRIDGE PERMIT

LEGEND

- SHORELINE (SUMMER AND WINTER POOL; 100-YEAR FLOOD)
- LIMITS OF NAVIGATIONAL CHANNEL
-  PERMANENT FILL BELOW OHW
- EXISTING GROUND / WATERWAY BOTTOM
- EXISTING STRUCTURE

EXISTING CONDITIONS / PROPOSED WORK

PROJECT: BNSF / SANDPOINT JUNCTION CONNECTOR BRIDGE 3.1
OWNER: BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY
CONSULTANT: JACOBS ENGINEERING
LOCATION: BNSF BRIDGE 3.1 MONTANA DIVISION, KOOTENAI RIVER SUB, LINE SEGMENT 45, MP 3.1
MILE POINT OF BRIDGE LOCATION FROM MOUTH: 0.1
WATERWAY: SAND CREEK
CITY: SANDPOINT **COUNTY:** BONNER **STATE:** IDAHO
DATE: 11/01/2018

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AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC NOTICE (05-18)

All interested parties are notified that the Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District has received an application from BNSF Railway Co. (BNSF), requesting approval of location and plans for a new bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States. At this time the Coast Guard has not completed the draft environmental document and a separate public notice (PN) and Federal Register notice will be published announcing the document and its availability at a future date. Therefore, this PN is soliciting for comments exclusively related to navigation. The public is highly encouraged to carefully review this notice, attached plans, and diagrams and then provide comments with regard to the proposed bridge's ability to meet the reasonable needs of navigation.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION INCLUDING INSTRUCTIONS ON PROVIDING COMMENTS:

The complete public notice (numbered 05-18) including: a brief summary of project impacts, a map of the location, and plans for the proposed bridge can be viewed and printed from website

<https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/D13BN> or by calling, emailing, or mailing a request to the Coast Guard Bridge Administrator, Mr. Steven Fischer. Telephone (206)220-7282, or by mail at Commander (dpw), Thirteenth Coast Guard District, 910 2nd Avenue, Suite 3510, Seattle, WA or via email at D13-PF-D13BRIDGES@uscg.mil. Comments should be mailed to arrive on or before 17 January 2019. Comments received will be made part of the case record.

All federal, state and local agencies and public representatives are requested to submit an e-mail address(es) to the project manager to obtain this public notice and announcements of future public notices from this office.

Local Notice to Mariners (LNM)

IDAHO – LAKE PEND ORIELLE AND SAND CREEK – BNSF Bridge Notice(s)

The Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District has received two applications from BNSF Railway Co. (BNSF), requesting approval of location and plans for two new bridge over navigable waterway of the United States. One across Lake Pend Orielle ID, at [48°15'01.0"N 116°32'14.9"W](#) and the other across Sand Creek ID. at [48°16'19.5"N 116°32'38.9"W](#). At this time the Coast Guard has not completed the draft environmental document and a separate public notice (PN) and Federal Register notice will be published announcing the document and its availability at a future date. Therefore, these PNs (05-18 and 06-18) are soliciting for comments exclusively related to navigation for the two bridges. The public is highly encouraged to carefully review these notices, attached plans, and diagrams and then provide comments with regard to the proposed bridge's ability to meet the reasonable needs of navigation.

Public Notice 05-18 and 06-18 solicits comment and is available at <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/D13BN> Question or comments can be addressed to the Bridge Administrator, Mr. Steve Fischer at (206) 220-7282, or steven.m.fischer3@uscg.mil.

Chart: XXXXX

PUBLIC NOTICE(s)

19 December 2018; The Coast Guard District has received two applications from BNSF Railway Co. (BNSF) requesting approval of location and plans for two new bridges over navigable waterways of the United States, near Sandpoint, Idaho, one across Lake Pend Oreille at 48-15-01.0N 116-32-14.9W and the other across Sand Creek at 48-16-19.5N 116-32-38.9W. At this time, the Coast Guard has published two public notices (PN), 05-18 and 06-18, soliciting comments from mariners exclusively related to navigation issues in relation to these two proposed bridges. The public is highly encouraged to carefully review these notices, attached plans, and diagrams and then provide comments with regard to the proposed bridges' abilities to meet the reasonable needs of navigation. When the Coast Guard has completed the draft environmental document related to these proposed bridges, they will publish a subsequent PN and a Federal Register notice announcing the document and its availability. PN 05-18 and 06-18 solicit comment and are available at <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/D13BN>. Comments are requested by 17 Jan 2019, and should be addressed to the Bridge Administrator, Steve Fischer, at (206) 220-7282 or email D13-pf-D13Bridges@uscg.mil.

Contact Type	Business Name	Mailing Address	Email Address OR Website	Contact Name	Telephone Number
News	Daily Bee's				
News	Sandpoint Reader				
News	Sandpoint Online				
Marina	Bottle Bay Resort and Marina	115 Resort Road Sagle, ID 83860	BottleBayResort@aol.com	Chip & Julie Houske	208-687-1450
Marina	Harbor Marina	1835 Garfield Bay Road Sagle, ID 83860 659 Lakeshore Drive Dover, ID 83825		Terry Schell www.garfieldshores.com	208-263-9595
Marina	Dover Bay Marina		jenny@sandpointwaterfront.com		208-263-5493
Marina	Hope Marina	47392 Highway 200 Hope, ID 83863	rauletta@hopemarina.com		208-264-5105
Marina	Beyond Hope Resort	1267 Peninsula Road Hope, ID 83864 PO Box 38		www.beyondhoperesort.com	208-264-5251
Marina	MacDonald's Resort	Bayview, ID 83803 46820 Highway 200	info@macdonaldsresort.com		208-683-2211
Marina	Kramer's Marina	Hope, ID 83836			208-264-3021
Marina	Bitter End Marina	17280 E. Bitterend Marina Road	bitterendmarina@gmail.com		208-683-2534
Marina	Vista Bay Marina	17173 Ewast Pier Road Bayview, ID 83803	scenicbayresort@bayviewmarinas.com		208-683-2243
Marina	Holiday Shores Resort	46624 Highway 200 East Hope, ID 83836	jenny@sandpointwaterfront.com		208-264-5515
Marina	Willow Bay Marina	520 Willow Bay Road Priest River, ID 83856	debbie@willowbayidaho.com		208-986-0904
Marina	Sandpoint Marina	120 East Lake Stree, Ste 101 Sandpoint, ID 83864	jenny@sandpointwaterfront.com	Ralph	208-263-1535 208-263-3083
Marina	Windbag Marina (City of Sandpoint. Parks & Rec)	58 Bridge Street Sandpoint, ID 83864	kwoodruff@sandpoint.gov	Ken Woodruff	208-263-3613
Marine Services	Sandpoint Marine & Motorsports	195 N. Triangle Dr Ponderay, ID 83852	rentals@sandpointpolaris.com		208-263-1535
Marine Services	Big Lake Recreation	468501 US 95 Sagle, ID 83860	biglakerecreation@gmail.com		208-265-2628
Marine Services	Hope Marine Services	47392 Highway 200 Hope, ID 83863	hopemarineservices@gmail.com	Patrick Holland	208-255-6761
Marine Rentals	Action Water Sports	651 Lakeshore Avenue Dover, ID 83825	actionwatersportslessons@gmail.com		208-255-7100
Marine Rentals	Sandpoint Watersports	20 Smokehouse Road Sagle, ID 83860	info@sandpointwatersports.com		208-920-9292
Marine Rentals	Watercraft Rentals	33549 North MacDonald's First Dock Bayview, ID 83803	sandpointboatrentals@gmail.com		208-265-9672
Marine Rentals	Windspeed Plus Sailboats	314 North First Avenue Sandpoint, ID 83864	info@macdonaldsresort.com info@outdoorexperience.us		208-683-2211
Marine Rentals	Outdoor Experience	115 Resort Road Sagle, ID 83860	adayonthelake@aol.com	Kevin Nye	208-263-6028
Marine Rentals	A Day on The Lake				208-661-1870
Marine Rentals	Sandpoint Boats offers ski boats and new this year, a pontoon boat.				(208) 263-7570
Charters	Seagull Charters	PO Box 217 Clark Fork, ID 83811	seagullcharters@gmail.com	Ken	208-266-1861
Charters	Go Fish! Charters		info@gofishcharters.org	Chad	208-597-5020
Charters	Eagle Charters	46624 Highway 200 East Hope, ID 83836	jmullen63@yahoo.com	James Mullen	208-264-5274
Charters	Middle Fork River Tours	601 North Sixth Avenue Sandpoint, ID 83864	raft@middlefork.com	Clint/Molly Frank	208-263-5711
Charters	Lake Pend Oreille Cruises	100 Bridge Street Sandpoint, ID 83864	info@lakependoreillecruises.com		
Charters	Full Spectrum Tours			Ron Nova	208-255-5253 208-263-5975
Government Agencies	Bonner County - Marine Unit	4001 North Boyer Road Sandpoint, ID 83864	bonnersheriff@bonnerso.org Ed.Jochum@bonnercountyd.id.gov	Ed Jochum	208-263-8417
Government Agencies	USFS - Sandpoint Ranger District, Marine Unit	1602 Ontario Street Sandpoint, ID 83864	jberner@fs.fed.us	Jessie Berner, Dist. Ranger	208-263-5111
Government Agencies	Bonner County Soil & Water - Invasive Species Sticker Vendor	1224 Washington Avenue Sandpoint, ID 83864		www.bonnerswcd.org	208-263-5310 Ext 100
Government Agencies	Lakes Commission (LPO, POR, PL, PR)	1224 Washington Avenue Sandpoint, ID 83864	lakescommission@gmail.com	Molly McMahon	208-263-5310 Ext 107
Government Agencies	Corp List Serv				
Other	Timberlake Fire District, Sub-District 1	PO Box 810 Athol, ID 83801	redwards@timberlakefire.com	Robyn Edwards	208-683-3333
Other	Sandpoint Sailing Association	PO Box 1156 Sandpoint, ID 83864	commodore@sandpointsailing.com	Bruce Robertson	208-263-3610
Other	Lake Pend Oreille Yacht Club		hmy452003@yahoo.com	Kevin Haley, Commodore	
individual	Daryl, ex Assistant Fire Chief, Ida Mae Owner,				208-561-1554
individual	Cary Kelly (ex Sherriff Marine Devisio)		Cmkelly211@gmail.com		208-263-4100
	Shane Slate (ACOE)				
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			Linda Mitchell <linder@lakependoreillecruises.com>		
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