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Hi Steve, I concur the site continues to be eligible as a Brownfield for site work. ESA and NHPA have been addressed. Thank you for all the documentation.

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The purpose of this site eligibility request is to provide the residents of Kootenai County and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho with information regarding the potential contamination via a limited Phase II hazardous substances site characterization on the former Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) Right of Way (ROW) that runs from Riverstone to Huetter in Coeur d'Alene. The ROW is approximately 60 feet wide and runs the entire 2.2 miles.

PROPERTY INFO:

Property Name: Riverstone to Huetter Connector (former Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company Right of Way)

Property Address: 2.2 mile abandoned BNSF railroad corridor

Latitude and Longitude: Beginning (Riverstone):      Latitude: 47°41'26.43"N      Longitude: 116°  
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End (Huetter Ave):      Latitude: 47°42'3.50"N      Longitude: 116°  
51'3.59"W

City: Coeur d'Alene

County: Kootenai

Zoning: Recreation

Size: 19.85 acres

**BACKGROUND:** The land has been used as a railroad line for over 100 years. Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) purchased the property in 1981. The line was used primarily to provide rail service to the various lumber mills along the Spokane River in the vicinity of Coeur d'Alene. In the early 1900s there were hourly electric train services along this corridor linking Spokane, Washington, to Coeur d'Alene. The Surface Transportation Board (STB) approved BNSF's application for abandonment of the approximately 60-foot right-of-way (ROW) on November 27, 2009 and the tracks and ties were subsequently removed. All adjacent lumber mills have been demolished and removed. The rail corridor lies in close proximity to the Spokane River.

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**PROPOSED BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT AND COST:** Phase II site assessment estimated cost \$ 51,190. The sampling design will consist of Incremental Sampling Methods (ISM). The property will be divided into seventeen separate decision units (see attached figures). Chemicals of concern are RCRA 8 metals and PAHs in all seventeen decision units. Three decision units (DU2.2.A, DU2.2B and DU2.2C) will also be delineated for SVOC's. Samples will be collected from the surface to a maximum depth of 12 inches using direct push methods.

#### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION (Attached)

1. EPA Site Eligibility Request (*BF EPA Site Eligibility Riverstone to Huetter Connector 05-23-2016.doc*)
2. NHPA SHPO Request 01/21/2016 (*BF NHPA Request Riverstone-Huetter Connector 01-21-2016.pdf*)
3. NHPA SHPO Determination – 02/08/2016 (*BF NHPA Determination Riverstone-Huetter Connector 02-08-2016.pdf*)

4. NHPA THPO Request & receipt – 01/21/2016 - no reply in 30 day period (*BF THPO Request Coeur d'Alene Tribe Riverstone to Huetter Connector 01-21-2016.pdf* and *BF THPO Receipt Coeur d'Alene Tribe 01-25-2016.pdf*)
5. 2<sup>nd</sup> NHPA SHPO Request with Supporting Report-Figures 04/29/2016 (*BF NHPA Request with Supporting Report-Figures for Riverstone-Huetter Connector 04-29-2016.pdf*)
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7. ESA Request to Idaho Fish & Game (IDFG) – 04/11/2016 (*BF ESA Request Riverstone-to-Huetter BNSF Corridor 04-11-2016 .pdf*)
8. ESA Determination from IDFG 04-21-2016 (*BF ESA Determination Riverstone-to-Huetter BNSF Corridor 04-21-2016.pdf*)
9. Three (3) Figures:
  - a. (*BF PII TerraGraphics Riverstone to Huetter Zone 1 IMS Figure 03-30-2016.pdf*)
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Regards,

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**SITE ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION FOR IDEQ BROWNFIELD RESPONSE  
PROGRAM – SITE SPECIFIC ASSESSEMENT**

1. Grantee: **IDEQ 128 Grant– Brownfield Response Program**
2. Date of this document: **May 23, 2016** Date of proposed assessment: **July 15, 2016**

**A. BASIC SITE INFORMATION**

3. Property Name: **Riverstone to Huetter Connector (former Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company Right of Way)**
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5. Work to be done: **Phase II**
6. Who is the current owner of the property? **City of Coeur d'Alene**  
**700 E. Mullan Ave.**  
**Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814**

7. Describe your relationship with the owner and their role in the work to be performed:  
**The City of Coeur d'Alene and Ignite CDA, the City's Urban Renewal Agency (URA) submitted a Brownfields Assessment Request to IDEQ. IDEQ scored the proposal and it passed. IDEQ does not have a relationship with either the City of Coeur d'Alene or Ignite CDA.**

8. Contaminant(s) (check one): **X Hazardous Substances**

9. Describe the type of activities that have been conducted on the property and indicate generally when such activities took place. Identify when and how the site became/may have been contaminated; with what substance(s); the part(s) of the site that are contaminated; and describe previous known uses.

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## **B. SITES NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING BY STATUTE**

Please answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge:

1. Is the facility listed (or proposed for listing) on the National Priorities List? **NO**
2. Is the facility subject to unilateral administrative orders, court orders, administrative orders on consent, or judicial consent decrees issued to or entered into by parties under CERCLA? **NO**
3. Is the facility subject to the jurisdiction, custody, or control of the US government. (Land held in trust by the US government for an Indian tribe is eligible.) **NO**

*Note: If you answered YES to any of the above (B.1-3) the property is not eligible.*

## **C. SITES ONLY ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING WITH A PROPERTY SPECIFIC DETERMINATION BY EPA:**

Certain properties can only be approved with a Property Specific Determination by EPA. Please answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge:

1. Is the site/facility subject to a planned or **ongoing** CERCLA removal action? **NO**
2. Has the site/facility been subject to an order or consent decree, or issued a permit by the

U.S. or an authorized state under the Solid Waste Disposal Act (as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)), the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (FWPCA), the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), or the Safe Drinking Water Act (SWDA)? **NO**

3. Is the site/facility subject to corrective action orders under RCRA (sections 3004(u) or 3008(h))? **NO**
4. Is the site/facility a land disposal unit that has submitted a RCRA closure notification under subtitle C of RCRA and is subject to closure requirements specified in a closure plan or permit? **NO**
5. Has the site/facility had a release of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) that is subject to remediation under TSCA? **NO**
6. Has the site/facility received funding for remediation from the leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Trust Fund? **NO**

*Note: If you answered YES to any of the above (C. 1-6), please complete this outline, including the information requested in Appendix A, and provide the outline to EPA for review/approval.*

**D. IS ANY OF THE WORK BEING PERFORMED IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH ANY FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS? NO**

*If yes, site/work is ineligible for funding per statute; call EPA project officer or ORC to discuss.*

**E. HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE/COMMINGLED CONTAMINATION SITES**

*(for Petroleum only sites, skip to F.)*

1. Owner: Does the grantee own the site? **NO**

If the grantee owns the property being cleaned up, indicate which of the following bases for determining that the grantee is not potentially liable as an owner under Section 107(a) of CERCLA applies, and briefly describe the circumstances.

- The owner is a recognized tribal government entity and is not a “person” under the definition of CERCLA.
- The owner acquired the property “involuntarily,” such as by foreclosure or eminent domain or bequest.
- The contamination migrated from an adjacent property such that the owner qualifies for and has satisfied the contiguous property owner exception to liability, including all appropriate inquiry, reasonable steps, notice and access/institutional controls cooperation.
- The owner satisfies the elements of the Bona Fide Prospective Purchaser exception to liability, including all appropriate inquiry, reasonable steps, notice and

access/institutional controls cooperation.

     Other? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain the circumstances: \_\_\_\_\_

*Owners of property with known or suspected hazardous or commingled contamination may only work on sites for which they can assert one of the defenses to CERCLA liability above.*

*Grantees may assess sites which they do not own where there is substantial public benefit or other compelling reason to use public funds for the cleanup, even if the owner is a potentially responsible party. In such cases EPA recommends documenting the rationale for doing so.*

2. Operator: Did the grantee conduct, direct or allow others to conduct any activities that caused or contributed to the property contamination? **NO**

3. Generator or transporter: Did the grantee generate or transport any waste brought to the site? **NO** (*Operators, generators and transporters cannot use EPA funds to work on known or suspected hazardous or commingled contamination sites*)

#### **F. PETROLEUM ONLY CONTAMINATION SITES**

State Determination Attached      YES      NO

*All petroleum sites need a written determination of eligibility by the State Environmental Agency or EPA based on the answers to Section F and the rest of the questions in this outline (except section E). Please answer these questions AND attach such a determination if one has been made, or if not, discuss with EPA. The determination must address 4 statutory criteria.*

1) “Relatively Low Risk”

*The State or EPA will have to determine that this site is of “Relatively Low Risk” compared to other petroleum-only sites in the State. Two key questions for this determination follow:*

a) Have Leaking Underground Storage Tank funds been expended at this site?  
     YES      NO      DON’T KNOW

b) Have Federal Oil Pollution Act response funds been expended at this site?  
     YES      NO      DON’T KNOW

“A Site for Which there is No Viable Responsible Party”

c) Was the site last acquired through tax foreclosure, abandonment or equivalent government proceedings?      YES      NO

d) Has a responsible party been identified through:

i) a judgment rendered in a court of law or an administrative order that would require any party to assess, investigate, or cleanup the site:      YES      NO      or

ii) a filed enforcement action brought by federal or state authorities that would require any party to assess, investigate, or cleanup the site:      YES      NO      or

iii) a citizen suit, contribution action or other third party claim against the current or immediate past owner, that would, if successful, require that party to assess, investigate, or clean up the site:      YES      NO

Explain any “yes” answers \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Skip to 2e if the site was acquired through tax foreclosure, abandonment or equivalent government proceedings; if not, answer questions 2c and 2d.*

- e) The current owner is: \_\_\_\_\_  
Has the current owner:
- i) dispensed or disposed of petroleum or petroleum product at the site?  YES  NO
  - ii) owned the property during the dispensing or disposal of petroleum product at the site?  
 YES  NO
  - iii) exacerbated the contamination at the site?  YES  NO
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- Explain any "yes" answers \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- f) The immediate past owner is: \_\_\_\_\_  
Has the immediate past owner:
- i) dispensed or disposed of petroleum or petroleum product at the site?  YES  NO
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- g) Based on the above, for purposes of Brownfields funding, is there a responsible party?  
 YES  NO *If "YES" go on to 2.f, if "NO" proceed directly to #3.*

- h) If there is a responsible party, is that party viable (has adequate financial resources to pay for assessment of the site)?  YES  NO *If "NO," explain the basis for that conclusion:*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*If there is a viable responsible party the petroleum site is ineligible. If there is no responsible party, or if there is a responsible party who is not viable, continue. NOTE: States may apply their own laws and regulations to make the petroleum site determination instead of the previous questions; if they do so, please provide their determination and rationale.*

2) "Cleaned Up By a Person Not Potentially Liable"

- a) Has the grantee ever
- i) dispensed or disposed of petroleum or petroleum product at the site?  YES  NO
  - ii) exacerbated the contamination at the site?  YES  NO

If "YES" to either 3.a.i or 3.a.ii, explain how the grantee took "reasonable steps" with respect to the contamination.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 3) Is the site "subject to any order issued under Sec. 9003(h) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act?"  
 YES  NO

**G. ACCESS**

Does grantee have access or an access agreement for this property? **YES**

**H. SITE ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION BY GRANTEE**

Site **is eligible** for clean up activities using EPA Brownfields Funds

Steve W. Gill   
Name of Person Who Completed Evaluation

May 23, 2016  
Date:

**EPA Review Results**

- EPA accepts grantee's determination site is eligible based on information provided [Explain if EPA is making the Petroleum Determination];
- EPA accepts grantee's determination site is eligible based on information provided and the Property Determination documented in Appendix A (see next page); or
- EPA does not have sufficient or appropriate information to agree the site is eligible. Need the following information or need to discuss

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

EPA Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX A: [IF REQUIRED]  
INFORMATION TO SUPPORT PROPERTY SPECIFIC DETERMINATION BY EPA**

Explain why Brownfields financial assistance is needed and how it will protect human health and the environment and either promote economic development or enable the creation of, preservation of, or addition to parks, greenways, undeveloped property, other recreational property, or other property used for nonprofit purposes:

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FOR EPA USE:

Site is excluded from the definition of a Brownfields site in 101(39)(B) but EPA has determined the site is  is not  eligible for funding per 101(39)(C) based on the information provided by the requestor.

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**Cc:** Eric Traynor; Kathy Falconer  
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RE: Abandoned BNSF Railroad Corridor, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho (Idaho SHPO REV 2016-315)

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Hi Ethan,

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 1:57 PM  
**To:** Steve Gill  
**Cc:** roberts@uidaho.edu; Eric Traynor; John.Means@terragraphics.com  
**Subject:** RE: Abandoned BNSF Railroad Corridor, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho (Idaho SHPO REV 2016-315)

Steve,

We concur with the monitoring approach recommended by Dr. Sappington. If you need this in an official letter please let me know. Sorry I was not able to respond to this sooner. We are slammed right now and I just have to respond to correspondence in order of receipt.

Thank You,

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**Subject:** RE: Abandoned BNSF Railroad Corridor, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho (Idaho SHPO REV 2016-315)

Hi Ethan,

As per our correspondence on this site. Attached please find Dr. R. L. Sappington's April 22, 2016 "Cultural Resource Investigations for the Coeur d'Alene BNSF Railroad Corridor Study Along the Spokane River, Kootenai County, Idaho." It concludes that we will need an on-site archaeologist only in Zone 1 DU-1.3A, DU-1.3B and DU-1.3C.

Following is the description of DEQ's proposed Phase II site assessment activity which will be limited to the Incremental Sampling Methodology (ISM) using a Geo-Probe to drive 1-foot deep boreholes for soil sampling. No excavations are planned. The attached 3 figures show that we are limiting activity to the 60 foot wide ROW only; specifically, we are planning to:

ZONE 1 would have 5 DUs:

1. ZONE 1.1 - 1,400 feet long x 20 feet wide: DU is limited to southern 20ft, the northern 40ft will remain as an active BNSF line. DU runs from Huetter Ave to W. Shoreview Lane. Plans for this DU call for paving for public access and limited parking to Johnson Mill Park.
2. ZONE 1.2 - 1,100 feet long x 60 feet wide: DU runs parallel to Johnson Mill Park. Plans are to remove the southern one-way road and make a two-way road by joining the northern one-way (west) road. Once removed the southern road would be turned into vegetation and public park amenities.
3. ZONE 1.3A, 1.3B and 1.3C – 3 DUs each 1,400 feet long x 20 feet wide. Reasoning for 3 DUs is based on topography and past uses: the southern 20ft is the old vehicle spur road (blue), the middle 20 feet is the former track which is elevated with ballast (yellow), and the northern 20ft consists of vegetation (white). Plans for this would be trail, possibly mix of paved and natural.

ZONE 2 would have 6 DUs:

4. ZONE 2.1A, 2.1B and 2.1C – 3 DUs each 1,250 feet long x 20 feet wide. Same reasoning as ZONE 1.3A, 1.3B & 1.3C. Plans for this would be trail, possibly mix of paved and natural.
5. ZONE 2.2A, 2.2B and 2.2C – 3 DUs each 2,950 feet long x 20 feet wide. Same reasoning as ZONE 1.3A, 1.3B & 1.3C. Plans for this would be trail, possibly mix of paved and natural.

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**Sent:** Monday, February 08, 2016 1:48 PM

**To:** Steve Gill

**Subject:** RE: Abandoned BNSF Railroad Corridor, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho (Idaho SHPO REV 2016-315)

The monitoring can be pretty limited. Confined to the small areas where the sites were previously documented. You may not even be testing in these areas? We can defer to the judgment of the consult you want to use.

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**Sent:** Monday, April 11, 2016 2:27 PM  
**To:** Kiira Siitari (kiira.sitari@idfg.idaho.gov)  
**Subject:** IDEQ Brownfields Program T&E Species Question  
**Attachments:** BF PII TerraGraphics Riverstone to Huetter Figures 03-30-2016.pdf

Hi Kiira,

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Hi Steve,

Apologies for the delayed response. The proposed project is within a developed, urban area which offers little to no habitat value to the TE species in question. As such we do not believe grizzly bear, Canada lynx, or Selkirk Mountain Caribou would reside in the project area.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Thank you,  
Kiira

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