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Good afternoon and Happy New Year!

In the spirit of starting fresh in 2024, we wanted to provide a quick update on PIRATE, reset our action items, and reschedule our recurring meetings with this group.

Recurring meetings: Moving forward, OEA will host monthly rather than weekly meetings with the UP team. These can be canceled if not needed but a placeholder will be scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month from 1-2 Eastern (10-11 Pacific, 12-1 Central), beginning on January 10th.

Damage assessment: Jacobs is moving forward with the non-invasive damage assessment and will begin fieldwork next Monday, January 8th. The team will need to access damage area 5 within the UP main line ROW, likely on January 10th or 11th. The fieldwork will include photographing and mapping the damage and will occur more than 25 feet away from the main line tracks. Kevin, please let us know if you need anything else from us to access your ROW.

Action items: The following are the “open” action items for the UP team. OEA is particularly interested in any updates on the first action item.

- Provide bi-weekly inspections of the UP ROW to confirm that site protection measures are still in place and no additional disturbances have occurred (action item #23). OEA sent UP instructions for these inspections on December 12th, including baseline photographs.
- Kevin will reach out to adjacent landowners to try to determine where the corrugated drainage pipe in the main line ROW came from. He will also inquire with their contractor (CNR) about options for removal of the pipe and circle back with OEA to confirm methodology. Jacobs will provide an archaeological monitor for the removal.
- Determine where the excavated material was taken from the retention basin in the wye (action item #13) and where the material in the existing spoils pile in the wye came from (action item #15).
- Discuss and provide feedback on institutional controls that can be implemented to prevent future cultural damage on this and on other rail projects (action item #17).

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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