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Karen,

Attached is a copy of the corrected letter. I removed the statement pertaining to Prime Farmland, as this project doesn't appear to receive federal financial or technical assistance. Therefore, FPPA does not apply.

Thank you,

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Attention: Karen Stevens, Environmental Protection Specialist

Subject: Union Pacific Railroad - Construction Project (FD 36854)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the potential environmental effects of the Union Pacific Railroad - Construction Project (FD 36854). The proposed site has been evaluated and does not involve any USDA-NRCS easements.

The soils in the proposed project area have been reviewed. There are a few soil limitations in the project area that should be taken into consideration while planning for the project. As with any project, soil erosion is a main concern and erosion prevention practices are recommended. The potential for concrete corrosion is low to moderate. There is a high risk of corrosion of steel. There are hydric soils present (1 to 32%), which should not be of any concern. The water erosion potential is very low, while the wind erosion potential is moderate to high.

Enclosed is a Web Soil Survey map and reports illustrating the location of the soils as well as the ratings for related interpretations that are described above. We encourage you to consider this information during the Union Pacific Railroad - Construction Project (FD 36854) and take measures to protect the soils and water quality.

If you have further questions, please contact me at (254) 742-9951 or by email at chris.holle@usda.gov.

Sincerely,



Chris Holle
USDA/NRCS

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