Welcome to Railroads and Utilities!

Barbara Waite, Railroad/Utility Manager, (208)334-8522

Railroad Program

- Manages ITD's Rail Safety Improvements Program with federal-aid and state funds from the State Railroad Grade Crossing Protection Fund.
- Partners with Idaho Operation Lifesaver and railroad owners in the goal to improve safety at public rail-highway crossings.
- Assists ITD Districts and local road entities when dealing with railroad owners on project that encroach upon railroad property and/or operations.
- Supports ITD Districts in the composition and review of contract documents including railroad construction and maintenance agreements.
- Manages statewide computerized database program (Utility/Railroad Agreement Tracking System), and oversees the updates to the Federal Railroad Administration public rail-highway crossing inventory records as needed.
- Maintains statewide electronic records of executed railroad agreements.
- Reports to the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Railroad Administration and ITD's Board annually and as requested.
- Reviews and updates railroad policies and legislative rules.
- Liaison to ITD attorneys involving public rail-highway crossings legal issues and railroad agreements.

Utilities Coordination

- Support ITD Districts in the composition and review of contract documents including utility construction and maintenance agreements.
- Provides subject matter expertise to ITD Districts and other entities as requested. This can include payments for relocation of utility facilities, resolving design/construction issues, etc.
- Manages computerized database program (Utility/Railroad Agreement Tracking System).
- Monitors and tracks federally required "Buy America" clause for inclusion in Utility Agreements.
- Assists ITD Districts and local road entities with project activities involving relocation of utility facilities.
- Prepares and transmits Utility Board Orders.