



Rabbit Creek Community Council <rabbitcreekcc@gmail.com>

Re: Quiet zone for ARR at Rabbit Creek firing range

1 message

Jerry George <jgeorge@ak.net>

Tue, Jul 17, 2018 at 7:10 PM

To: Rabbit Creek Community Council <rabbitcreekcc@gmail.com>

Just to clarify for the non-engineers in the crowd. 12-18 months to do this is about right for the ARRC. A competent private engineering firm could do it in a month rather than 12-18 months. Just trying to keep this in perspective. There are tens of thousands of quiet zones throughout the country done to FRA standards. In fact there are dozens of quiet zones in Anchorage. It isn't like this is so unique it takes a team months to reinvent the wheel.

It is sort of like draining a puddle. You can make it into a production by getting EPA and DEC permits. Get an Environmental Impact Statement, Corps of Engineer's approval. Public hearings. Have police directing traffic around the puddle. And on and on. Or you can dig a little ditch and drain it to the storm drain 50' away.

One common solution is what is referred to as a 'trackside horn'. It consists of a small horn that sounds for an approaching train only at the crossing at a much lower intensity than the engine horn that blasts for miles each side of the crossing. This solution is used all over Anchorage and at thousands of crossings around the country. Do you really buy their excuse that it takes 12-18 months to apply this proven technology to another site in Anchorage? Really - 12-18 months to do a feasibility review to install a little horn!

This is NOT THAT HARD unless you WANT to make it that hard. Please do not be taken in by their excuses.

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On Jul 17, 2018, at 3:44 PM, Rabbit Creek Community Council <rabbitcreekcc@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Jerry,

Please see the email below from the ARR.

Best regards,
Frank Pugh
RCCC Chair

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Weddleton, John" <WeddletonJ@ci.anchorage.ak.us>
Date: July 17, 2018 at 12:50:00 PM AKDT
To: Rabbit Creek Community Council <rabbitcreekcc@gmail.com>
Subject: Fw: Quiet zone for ARR at Rabbit Creek firing range

Frank,

See email below regarding the ARR noise zone at the firing range. Please forward to Jerry George if you can.

Thanks,

John Weddleton
Anchorage Assembly

South Anchorage, Girdwood and Turnagain Arm
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From: Tim Sullivan Jr <SullivanT@akrr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 12:02 PM
To: Weddleton, John
Subject: RE: Quiet zone for ARR at Rabbit Creek firing range

John -

Long story short is that we are about 95% done with the Diagnostic Team report and should have everything completed by September. As a note to that, when I first spoke to Jerry George about this project in June of 2017 I told him it would take 12 to 18 months to complete the report once we knew whether or not the Municipality was interested in making changes to the crossing. We received the attached letter from the mayor in September of 2017, which started the process. This is a municipal crossing and under FRA regulations the municipality is responsible for changes and improvements to the crossing. The municipality is also responsible for putting this report together. We are working with Stephanie Mormilo at MOA and Scott Thomas at DOT to get it done.

Among the final items to be completed the diagnostic team is finalizing costs for options and doing risk computations using national risk threshold numbers. We will complete the process well within the 12 to 18 month window that we reported it would take.

Thanks.

Tim

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-----Original Message-----

From: Weddleton, John <WeddletonJ@ci.anchorage.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 3:13 PM
To: Tim Sullivan Jr <SullivanT@akrr.com>
Subject: Quiet zone for ARR at Rabbit Creek firing range

Tim,

Can you let me know the status of this request? It came up at the Rabbit Creek CC last week.

Thanks,

John Weddleton
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8/6/2018

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