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Guiding principles for developing a
DOMESTIC WATER RESERVE PROGRAM

Cooperators' Agreement between
KITTITAS COUNTY and the Washington State DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

The parties to this Cooperators' Agreement establish the following goals for developing and implementing a Domestic Water Reserve Program in Upper Kittitas County:

- To prevent harm to tributaries and senior water rights from new development that may occur in upper Kittitas County.
- To provide developers the opportunity to participate in a "mitigation credit" program in areas where senior water rights are not available to offset new groundwater pumping.
- Provide a reliable and predictable process for landowners to obtain timely water availability decisions.
- To collaborate with the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Program (YRBWEP) out-of-stream work group in developing and implementing a Domestic Water Reserve Program.

SIGNATURES

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY	KITTITAS COUNTY
<hr/> Ted Sturdevant, Director Date: _____	<hr/> Commissioner Paul Jewell Chairman Date: _____
	<hr/> Commissioner Alan Crankovich Vice-chairman Date: _____
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