

## **KITTITAS COUNTY**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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TO: Neil Caulkins, DPA

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DATE: February 17, 2011 SUBJECT: Nichols Flood Claim

None of the site is considered part of the FEMA designated 100-year floodplain. Portions of the property were flooded as a result of storm water runoff collecting at several locations. Aerial photography proves flooding from the river remained within the designated floodplain during the January 07, 2009 event. The area outside the designated floodplain was not impacted by the river during this event. No evidence of property damage was observed. Aerial photography form January 18, 2011 indicates stormwater collects at similar locations at the site during other significant events.

No record of a Kittitas County flood management system on the Teanaway River was found. The only known levees are found immediately upstream of SR 970 on the right bank and at the left bank located near the end of Quail Valley Road.

Kittitas County does not retain ownership of these levees and never has. Kittitas County worked with the US Army Corps of Engineers after the January 2009 flood event to reconstruct the levee near Quail Valley Road for protection of Quail Valley and Lambert Roads.

USACE planned to finish the levee reconstruction summer 2011. KCPW will not complete the construction until this claim is resolved.











