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SUBJECT: WDFW COMMENTS ON LP-22-00002 MOHAR FARM CLUSTER PLAT

Dear Ms. Stevie,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed farm cluster plat near Cle Elum. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) appreciates the measures taken by the proponent to avoid and minimize impacts to potential critical areas and fish and wildlife habitat with this cluster plat. We would welcome the opportunity to provide technical assistance to the applicants and/or future owners to assist them in maintaining or enhancing the native vegetation and associated wildlife habitat on these lots.

We have not had the opportunity to survey the stream mapped on this property but anticipate road improvements necessary to provide access to the new lots will require a new water crossing structure and likely a Hydraulic Project Approval permit from WDFW. Prior to any grading and/or improvements to the driveway at the stream crossing, we recommend a site visit with WDFW to assess conditions and whether an HPA is required for the work.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment and please let me know if there are any questions or comments we can answer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Nelson".

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