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June 5, 2015

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Kittitas County Community Development Services
c/o Staff Planner Lindsey Ozbolt
411 N. Ruby Street, Suite 2
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Re: Conditional Use Permit Application No. CU-14-00006
Shoreline Substantial Development Permit No. SD-14-00003
WDFW Hwy. 10 Proposed Conditional Use Permit and Shoreline Substantial
Development Permits
Public Hearing Date: June 11, 2015



Dear Ms. Ozbolt:

Please consider this letter as public testimony at the June 11, 2015 public hearing set in the above-referenced matter and place this letter into the file for further review in the County's determination as to whether to grant the permits requested by WDFW. Our office represents the Ellensburg Water Company (hereinafter "EWC"), which delivers irrigation water to many residents of Kittitas County, and operates and maintains canals, drains and, most importantly here, a dam in the Yakima River.

EWC strongly opposes WDFW's proposed conditional use permit to construct and operate a boat launch approximately 400 yards upstream of the EWC dam, because placing a boat launch in that location is detrimental and injurious to the public safety. The dam spans the width of the Yakima River and has two drops, an initial four foot drop and subsequent three foot drop. On the north side of the river at the dam the depth of the river is approximately 25 feet, to accommodate fish passage at the site. Over the years, EWC's manager estimates that there have been 30-40 people rescued from the Yakima River because they went over the dam. There has been at least one death. The Conditional Use Permit application does not address the significant safety issues associated with increasing boat use or other recreational use of the area.

- 1. WDFW does not adequately address the significant public safety hazards associated with locating a boat launch 400 yards upstream of EWC's dam.**

Under the Review Criteria found in KCC 17.60A.015(1), a proposed conditional use of land must be "essential or desirable to the public convenience and not detrimental or injurious to the public health, peace, or safety or to the character of the surrounding neighborhood" to be approved. WDFW barely addressed the public safety issues associated with boaters launching

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boats from the proposed location, a mere 400 yards upstream from EWC's dam. Instead, WDFW focuses only on the increased safety to those who are rafting or boating in small crafts from upstream who need a place to pullout before the dam. However, inherent with constructing a boat ramp, there also will be people launching boats from the location. The EWC dam is 400 yards downstream. It is not visible from the launch location. There are no pullouts available downstream before the dam (all property between the launch and the dam is private property and posted as "no trespassing"), creating a dangerous, and possibly deadly situation for those recreational users of the river who are not familiar with the dam downstream. Other property is owned by the Bureau of Reclamation, which to our understanding will be fenced off in the near future and unavailable for use as a take out location. If boaters or rafters launch from the proposed boat launch in any non-motorized boat, they will be headed straight for the dam. WDFW does not address this significant detriment to public safety and hazardous condition in its application.

More importantly, it is anticipated the site could also attract swimmers and rafters, many of whom do not understand the dangers of the River, nor the location of the dam.

To properly evaluate the public safety issues associated with the proposed boat launch location, WDFW need only look to the police calls associated with the location and the requests for rescue on the river. Nowhere in the application does it indicate that any evaluation or research was done regarding rescues from this area of the river, or downstream from the boat launch. WDFW is putting naïve boaters' lives in danger by implying that the river is safe to float in the location of the proposed boat launch. The location is not safe for launching non-motorized watercraft, an issue that was not addressed in WDFW's response to KCC 17.60A.015(1).

2. WDFW does not take into account the increase in boat traffic in the stretch of the river between the launch and the EWC dam, and therefore does not fully evaluate whether the site is adequately serviced by existing police and fire protection, including water rescue protection.

KCC 17.60A.015(2)(A) requires that applicants prove that the "proposed use will be adequately serviced by existing facilities such as highways, roads, police and fire protection, irrigation and drainage structures, refuse disposal, water and sewers, and schools...." WDFW provide no information for consideration other than a statement that "The new boat launch has adequate highway access, as it is a turnoff on Highway 10. The site will not require increase in county police, fire, refuse disposal, water and sewers, or schools."

A direct correlation can likely be made between the construction of a public boat launch and an increase in people using the boat launch and the river. There are already issues with people using this stretch of the river and trespassing on private property, leaving garbage on private property and illegally camping on private property. *See Letter from Bill H. Williamson dated April 7, 2015, submitted for evaluation in this matter.* Providing a public boat launch provides more recreation opportunities for the public, but necessarily will result in a greater number of people at the site. There have already been 30-40 water rescues due to people going over the

EWC dam, 400 yards downstream from the proposed launch location. With more people using the location it is highly likely that the number of rescues will increase, requiring additional services to the location from police, fire and the water rescue providers. There is no evidence, study, or information provided that supports WDFW's claim that no additional police or fire protection services are necessary if they open up a recreational boat launch in the area. There is also no evaluation of whether WDFW believes there would be an increase in water rescues in the area (EWC believes it is likely that more water rescues will be necessary due to the increase in launches so close to its dam). These evaluations should be done, and EWC believes the findings will be that the need for fire, police, and water rescue services will be increased with the addition of a new WDFW boat launch.

3. Evidence from EWC is provided for your consideration.

EWC provides the attached evidence for your consideration at the public hearing:

Exhibit 1: Aerial photograph of the EWC dam

Provided is an aerial photograph of the dam, fish ladder and diversion for EWC.

Exhibit 2: Aerial photograph of the EWC dam and diversion facilities.

Provided is an aerial photograph of the dam as well as the diversion facilities of EWC.

Exhibit 3: Aerial photograph of the EWC dam

As you can see from the photograph, the EWC dam stretches the entire width of the river. On the left side is the fish ladder. Downstream of the fish ladder the river is approximately 25 feet deep to accommodate fish passage. You can also see the two "steps" of the dam, the first of which is 4 feet high and the second of which is 3 feet high, after which there is a stretch of rapidly moving water going downstream, which is where boaters and rafters are swept down due to the force of the river going over the two steps, often times capsize, and then are in need of rescue. Along the banks are very few places to pull out of the river, and all of the property is privately-owned.

Exhibit 4: Aerial photograph of the EWC dam

This photograph shows the size of the rapidly moving water and the violent nature of that water going over the dam. These conditions are incredibly unsafe for boaters, can cause serious injury and can also result in death.

Exhibit 5: Aerial photograph of the EWC dam and Yakima River

This photograph shows how the Yakima River bends in almost two 90 degree angles traveling from the proposed boat launch's location upstream. If non-motorized boats launch from the

proposed site, they will drift downstream, around these two bends and immediately be at the EWC dam. There will be little to no time and no available ground to exit the waterway before the boat goes over the dam and likely capsizes. This is extremely dangerous for the boaters as well as the water rescue team that will be called to assist.

Exhibit 6: Aerial photograph looking downstream approaching the EWC dam

This photograph depicts the EWC dam as one looks downstream and over the dam.

Exhibit 7: Two photographs of the dam taken at water level.

There are two photographs on this exhibit. The top photograph is of the dam when the water levels and flow of the Yakima River is normal. As can be seen, there is still significant water rushing over the dam during a normal river flow. The bottom photograph is during a high flow episode of the river. As can be seen, the current and water levels are much more violent, indicated in part by the turbidity of the water and size of the wave.


Exhibit 8: Map of the project location and EWC dam location

This map indicates the project location—the proposed boat launch—in comparison to the location of the EWC dam.

Due to the significant safety hazards associated with the proposed location of the new boat launch facility, EWC urges the denial of the conditional use permit. WDFW has not provided any evidence that there is not a safety risk for boaters launching their boats, motorized and non-motorized, from the boat ramp, and has not assessed whether an increase in boat launches at that location would increase the need for police, fire, and water rescue protection. The proximity of the location to the EWC dam creates a dangerous situation for boaters in Kittitas County and could result in additional injuries and deaths.

Sincerely,

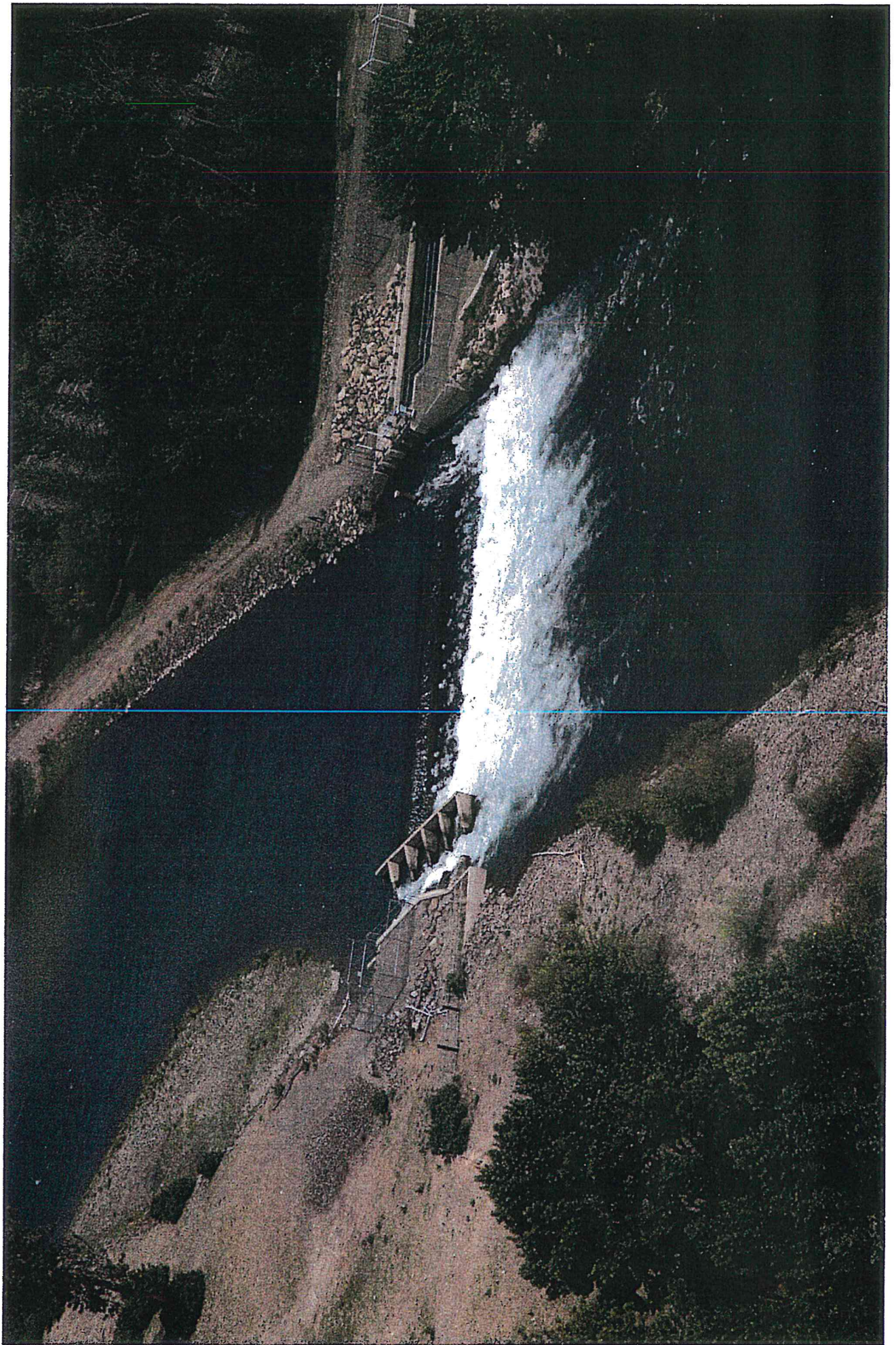
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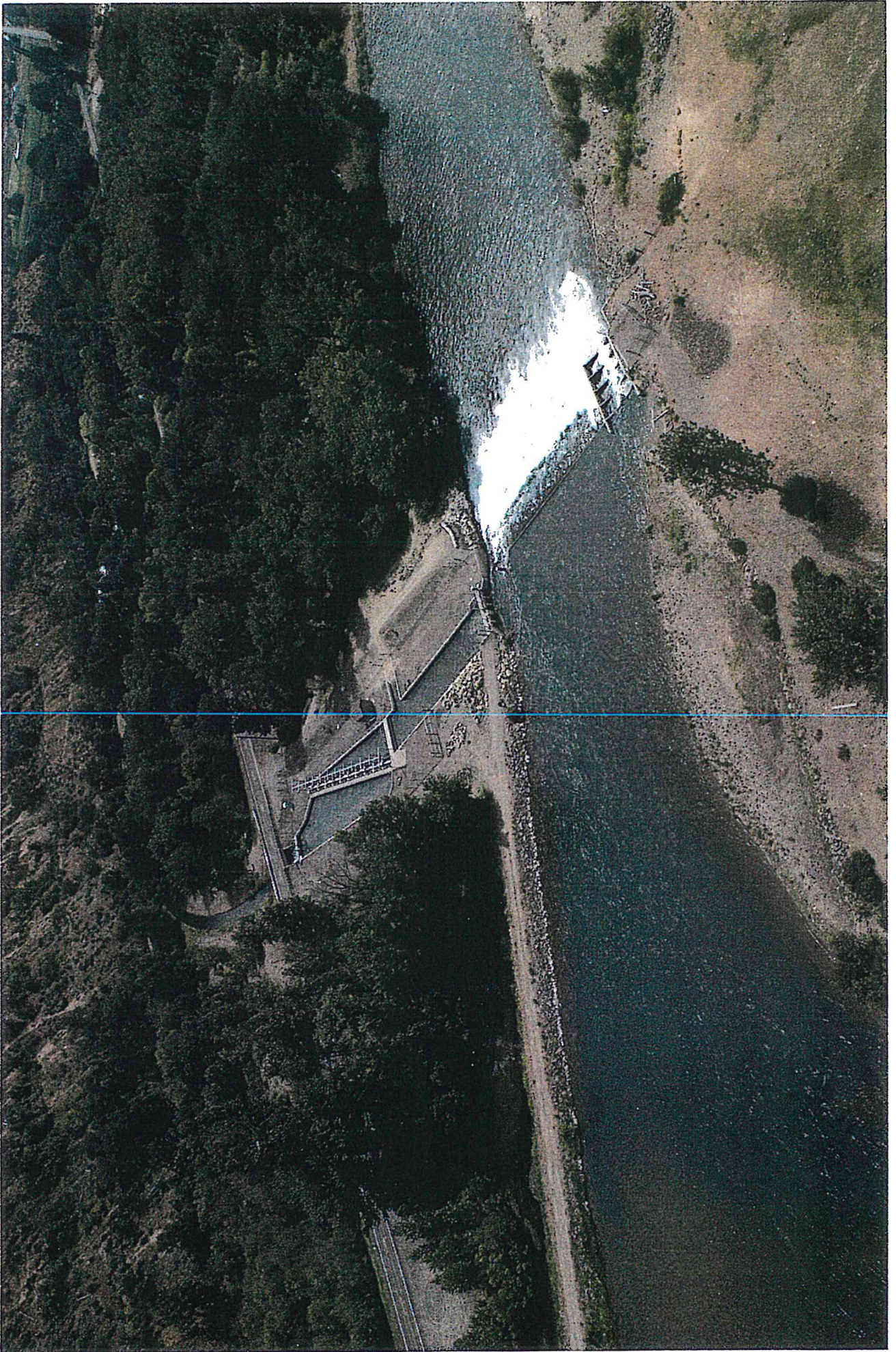
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Attorneys for EWC

Enclosures: Exhibits 1-8

cc. EWC
WDFW



EX 1



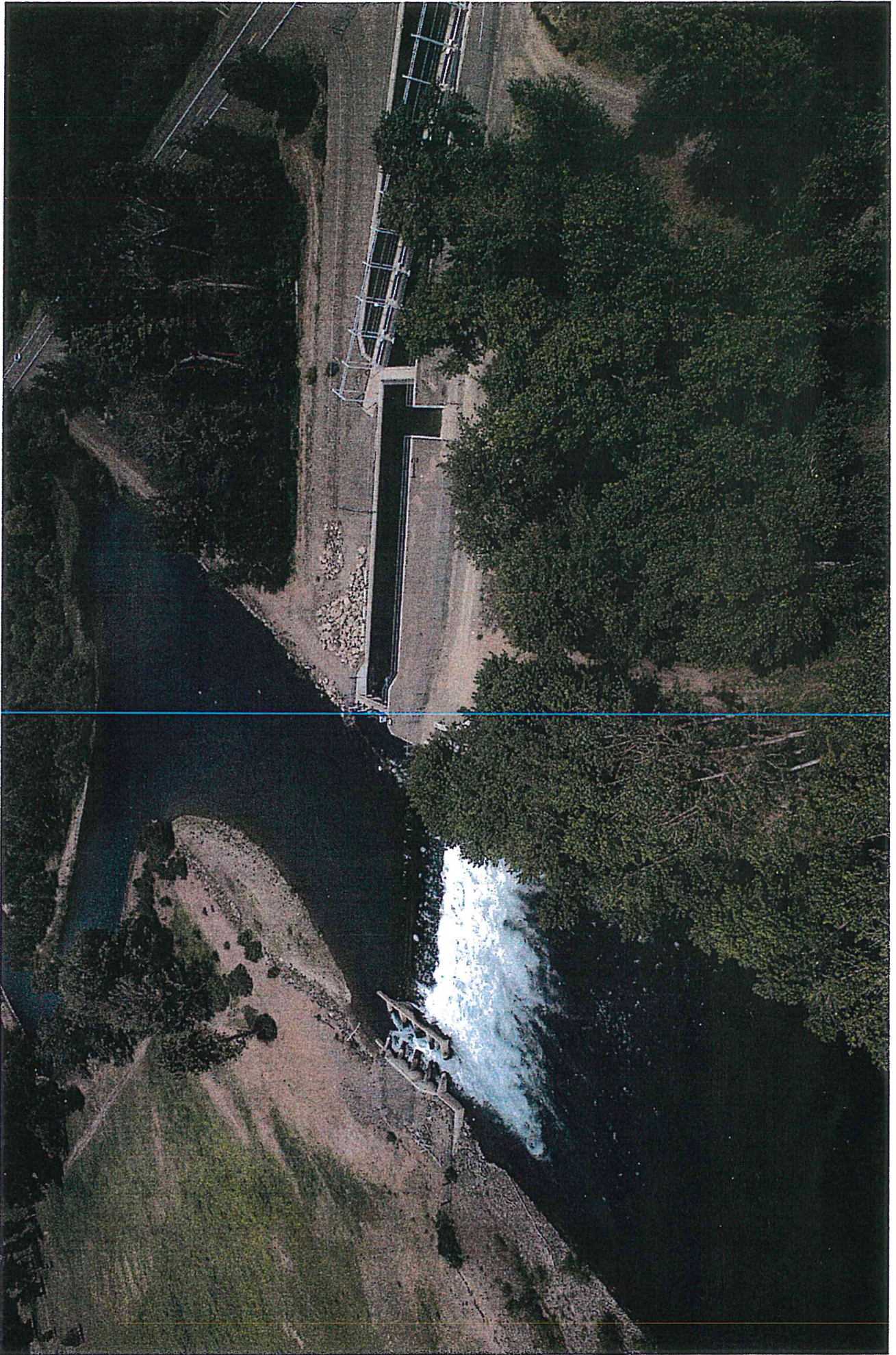
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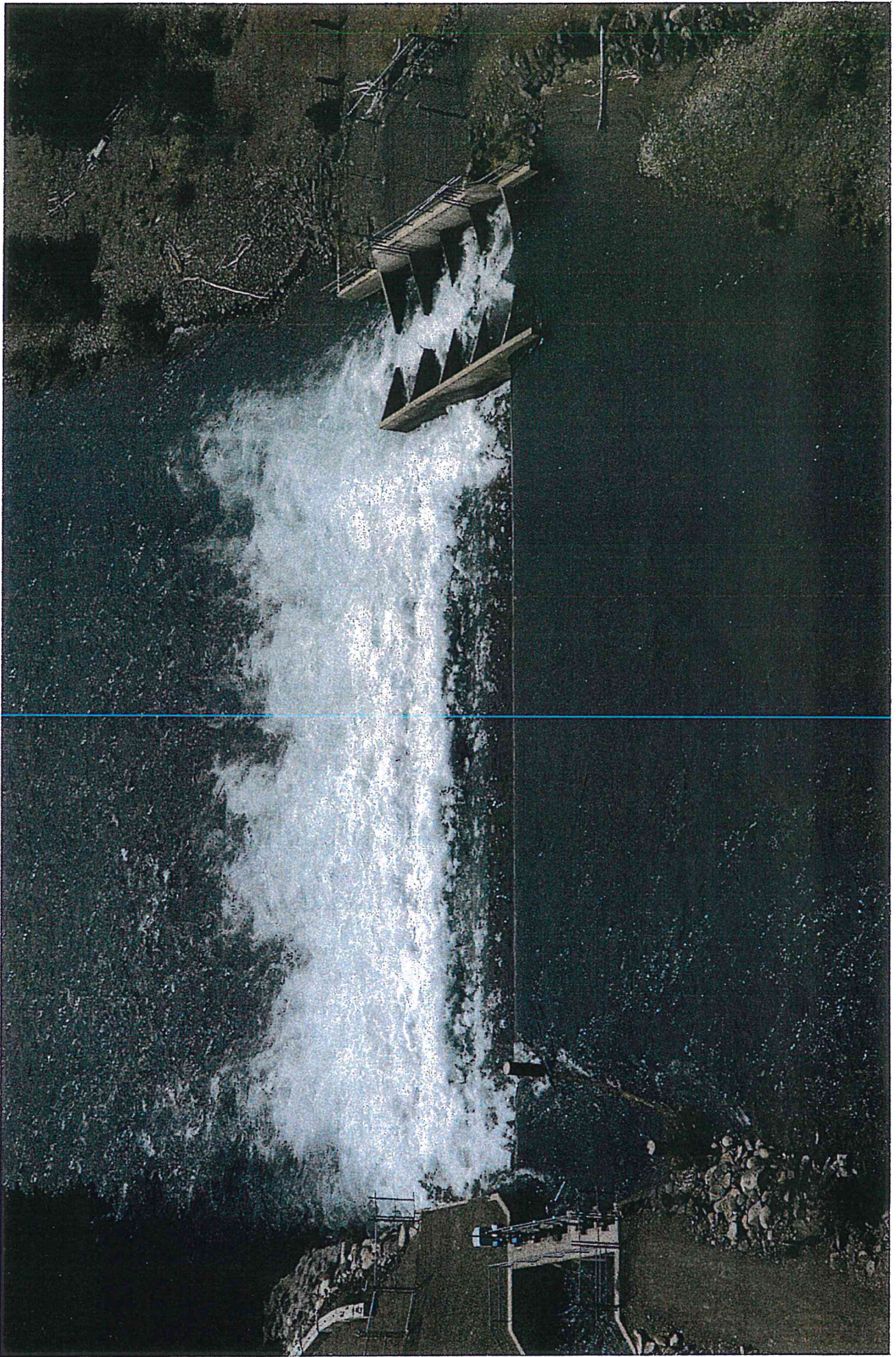
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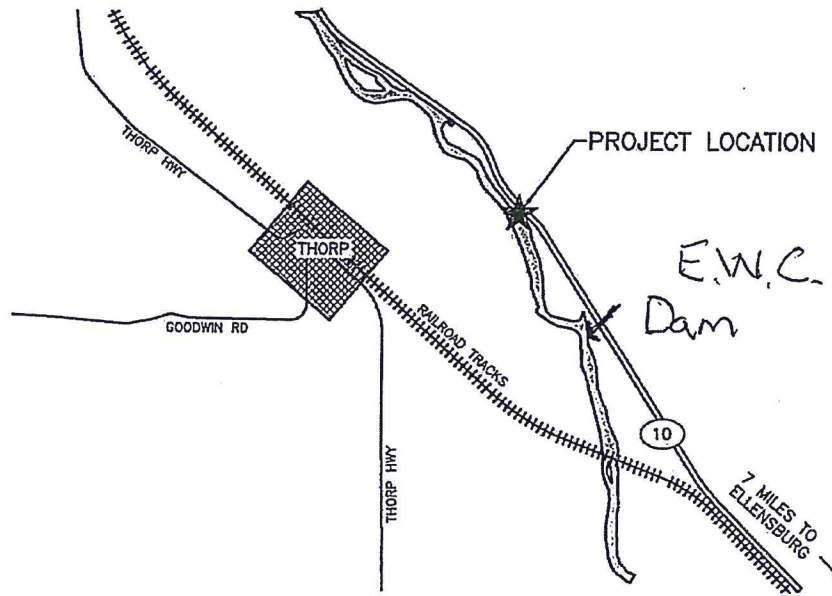
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PROJECT LOCATION

STATE MAP

NOT TO SCALE



PROJECT LOCATION

E.W.C. Dam

VICINITY MAP

NOT TO SCALE

ENG. PROJECT NO. KS:A682:14-1

PORTION OF: SEC 12, T 18N, R 17E WM

REFERENCE NUMBER:
 APPLICANT:
 WASHINGTON DEPT. of FISH & WILDLIFE
 600 CAPITOL WAY N.
 OLYMPIA, WA 98501-1091

PROJECT LOCATION (ADDRESS):
 HWY 10 AT MILE POST 101.1

PROPOSED PROJECT:
 HWY 10 ACCESS DEVELOPMENT

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER:

LAT/LONG:
 DATUM: NAVD88
 SHEET 1 OF 9 DATE: 12-8-2014

IN: YAKIMA RIVER
 NEAR/AT: YAKIMA RIVER
 COUNTY: KITTITAS
 STATE: WA

EX 8

Lindsey Ozbolt

From: Patrick Barta <patrick@bartaphoto.com>
Sent: Friday, June 05, 2015 10:38 AM
To: Lindsey Ozbolt
Subject: Diversion Damn Takeout

Hello Lindsey,

I'm writing this in support of the proposed takeout on the yakima river above the diversion damn along highway 10.

I've been following this for some time now and have been anxiously awaiting it's completion. When I first heard of it over a year ago I did my research and at that time it was stated to be 80 % complete by fall of 15. I have property and a cabin near there and I would love to use the river more in that area. The current unregulated takeout just above the diversion damn is suspect at best and I find it problematic most of the year depending on the river flows. I've also witnessed some dubious activity there through the years and I would think having a regulated takeout in that section of the river would be greatly beneficial for the river using community.

I have heard their is some opposition to this project by a small contingent of individuals who may feel some impact. In the words of Spock..."the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few".

Thanks for reading.

Patrick

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To: Kittitas County CDS, Attn. Hearings Examiner

From: Steve Rogers, 674-8653

PO Box 771, South Cle Elum, 98943

Re: **CU-14-00006, WDFW project on Hwy 10**

Dt: 06-11-15

Regarding the proposed boat launch/take out project along Hwy 10:

I feel very strongly that this is not a good use of taxpayer and sportsmen's dollars.

This location will only benefit boaters/rafters taking *out* of the river, and they already take out a little farther down, just above the diversion dam. Boaters/rafters can also take out at the WDFW access on North Thorp Hwy at the green bridge - about two miles upstream. They also take out at the fish screen at the bottom of the sandstone cliffs near the Ellensburg Ranches Rd.

The proposed location is on a curve of the highway and may present a hazard to motorists.

An alternative would be a new boat ramp access just *below* the diversion dam. This would allow boaters/rafters/fishers to utilize the long stretch of river below the dam that is not currently available. Whether it is just below the dam or farther down at the old Gladmar Park, money should be allocated to develop access to that portion of river. If nothing else, money needs to be spent on fixing the problem with the horrible boat ramp at the Teanaway Access just east of Cle Elum.

The proposed project on Hwy 10 was not well thought out and needs to be scrapped rather than wasting our money.

Lindsey Ozbolt

From: Rose Shriner
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 1:28 PM
To: Lindsey Ozbolt
Cc: Steph Mifflin; Emily Miltko; Doc Hansen; Kaycee Hathaway; Jeff Watson
Subject: FW: Comment re: CU-14-00006 WDFW
Attachments: CU-14-00006 WDFW Hwy 10 project.docx

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From: C S ROGERS [mailto:stevecin984@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 12:47 PM
To: CDS User
Subject: Comment re: CU-14-00006 WDFW

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June 11, 2015

Lindsey Ozbolt
Planner II
Community Development Services
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Lindsey,

I would like to voice my support for the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife's planned development of the new access site called "Old Highway 10" on the Yakima River. This access site will tremendously reduce the largest hazards on the Yakima River including the diversion dam.

While the Yakima River provides amazing recreational opportunities for thousands of users yearly, it also provides risk management concerns that need to be assessed and managed accordingly. This access site helps reduce the risks involved on the Yakima River by allowing people to take out prior to the potential hazards.

I would also like to comment that if managed properly and waste receptacles were placed on site, we could reduce the amount of trash being accumulated on private property. I personally, as well as on behalf of Central Washington University's Outdoor Pursuits and Rental's will continue to host and participate in events such as Yakima River Clean Up, in order to show our support for the land that we wish to recreate on.

In conclusion, the new site will benefit from a risk management perspective and I am in complete support of this site being used for the take-out.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is any other way I can show my support to WDFWs.

Sincerely,

Melissa Robertson
Climbing and Challenge Course Coordinator
Central Washington University
931-248-1735

Department Name

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This is an electronic communication from Central Washington University.

Lindsey Ozbolt

From: Melissa Robertson <RobertsonML@cwu.edu>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 2:19 PM
To: Lindsey Ozbolt; 'Hendrix, Leah (DFW)'
Subject: RE: Highway 10 Take out location
Attachments: Old Highway 10.docx

Please see attached

Melissa Robertson
Climbing and Challenge Course Coordinator
Central Washington University
[931-248-1735](tel:931-248-1735)

From: Lindsey Ozbolt [<mailto:lindsey.ozbolt@co.kittitas.wa.us>]
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 1:03 PM
To: 'Hendrix, Leah (DFW)'; Melissa Robertson
Subject: RE: Highway 10 Take out location

Please note that my email address is incorrect as I typed it below. My email address is: lindsey.ozbolt@co.kittitas.wa.us.

Regards.

Lindsey Ozbolt
Planner II
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From: Hendrix, Leah (DFW) [<mailto:Leah.Hendrix@dfw.wa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 12:32 PM
To: Lindsey Ozbolt; Melissa Robertson
Subject: RE: Highway 10 Take out location

Thank you, Lindsey. The information is appreciated. I am not in the office, so I apologize for spelling your name three different ways, two of them incorrectly. I do know better 😊

Leah Hendrix
Regional Lands Agent
Property & Acquisition Specialist
WDFW Region 3
1701 S. 24th Avenue
Yakima WA 98902
509-457-9312

From: Lindsey Ozbolt [<mailto:lindsey.ozbolt@co.kittitas.wa.us>]
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 12:15 PM

To: Hendrix, Leah (DFW); Melissa Robertson
Subject: RE: Highway 10 Take out location

Leah & Melissa.

Any comments can be submitted to Community Development Services office prior to 5 pm today by either hand delivering them to our office at 411 N. Ruby Street, Suite 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926 or emailed to me lindseyozbolt@co.kittitas.wa.us

Any comments received prior to 5pm today will be entered into the record at tonight's public meeting before the hearing examiner.

Regards,

Lindsey Ozbolt
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From: Hendrix, Leah (DFW) [<mailto:Leah.Hendrix@dfw.wa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 11:41 AM
To: Melissa Robertson
Cc: Lindsey Ozbolt
Subject: RE: Highway 10 Take out location

Trying again. The first said it did not make it to Linsey.

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From: Hendrix, Leah (DFW)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 11:38 AM
To: 'Melissa Robertson'
Cc: 'Lindsey Ozbolt '
Subject: RE: Highway 10 Take out location

Hi Melissa.

Thank you for asking where to submit comments. Lindsey is probably the best one to check with on the appropriate electronic address.

The agenda on the website states to submit to the Hearings Examiner whose contact is

'Andrew Kottkamp' (andy@wenatcheelaw.com)

However, it might be wise to check with Lindsay and see if she is doing the gathering of comments. I have copied her here.

Thanks again.

Leah Hendrix

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From: Melissa Robertson [<mailto:RobertsonM1@cwu.edu>]
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 11:14 AM
To: Hendrix, Leah (DFW)
Subject: RE: Highway 10 Take out location

The link doesn't show the specific page I can submit a letter to.

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From: Hendrix, Leah (DFW) <Leah.Hendrix@dfw.wa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 12:15 PM
To: Lindsey Ozbolt
Subject: Automatic reply: Highway 10 Take out location

I am in the field with limited access to email Wed/Thurs, and out of the office on Friday. I will return email as I am able until back in the office the afternoon of Monday the 15th.

Thank you!

To: Kittitas County CDS, Attn. Hearings Examiner

From: Steve Locati

10211 N. Thorp Hwy, Thorp, WA 98946

Re: **CU-14-00006, WDFW project on Hwy 10**

June 11, 2015

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Lindsey Ozbolt

From: Rose Shriner
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 3:53 PM
To: Lindsey Ozbolt
Cc: Steph Mifflin; Emily Miltko; Doc Hansen; Kaycee Hathaway; Jeff Watson
Subject: FW: CU-14-00006 HWY 10 Boat takeout proposal
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From: Steve Locati [<mailto:Steve@kittitastitle.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 2:28 PM
To: CDS User
Subject: CU-14-00006 HWY 10 Boat takeout proposal

Attached are my comments regarding the proposed project.

Steve Locati
President

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From: Rose Shriner
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 3:53 PM
To: Lindsey Ozbolt
Cc: Doc Hansen; Steph Mifflin; Emily Miltko; Jeff Watson; Kaycee Hathaway
Subject: FW: Project CU-14-0006

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From: william loder [mailto:sage2506@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 3:18 PM
To: CDS User
Subject: Project CU-14-0006

The proposed location for the new take out boat ramp on Hyway 10 seems to be in a very dangerous curve. For trucks with trailers for driftboats will find it difficult to pull out onto the Hyway. Years ago, we were promised a put in just below the diversion dam, but that never materialized. My opinion would be to improve the take out above the dam. It is very muddy and overgrown. And construct a put in, just below the dam. And enforce and ticket rafters and boaters that do not have valid access stickers displayed in their vehicles. Too many access spots along the Yakima River are being used by rafters that do not pay their share,

William Loder
Fly fishing Guide on the Yakima river since 1997.
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Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 3:53 PM
To: Lindsey Ozbolt
Cc: Doc Hansen; Emily Miltko; Steph Mifflin; Jeff Watson; Kaycee Hathaway
Subject: FW: Inquiry through County web site re: Conditional Use Permits - CU-14-00006 WDFW Hwy 10

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From: Lee [mailto:leerdavis@fairpoint.net]
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 3:36 PM
To: CDS User
Subject: Inquiry through County web site re: Conditional Use Permits - CU-14-00006 WDFW Hwy 10

Good Afternoon,

I support WDFW's goal to build an Access Site at this location. It will offer benefits to many recreationists. Anglers will have more fishing access below the Thorp bridge. Boaters and rafters will have a safe, public takeout with better access than the Thorp bridge.

While it is true that a new site below the diversion dam would be ideal, WDFW has been unable to obtain property for such an endeavor. Given the continually increasing demand for river access, this proposed site is a step in the right direction to meet that demand.

Sincerely
Leta Davis
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From: Gourley, Christina L (DFW) <Christina.Gourley@dfw.wa.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 9:11 AM
To: Lindsey Ozbolt
Subject: CU-14-00006 - Yakima River Launch

Lindsey,

The new project manager on the project is John Hansen and his email address is John.Hansen@dfw.wa.gov and the permitting biologist taking over the project will be Marty Peoples and his email address is Marty.Peoples@dfw.wa.gov. John's phone number is 360-902-8386 and Marty's number is 360-902-8426. They can help you with anything associated with the project. Please also keep me in the loop.

Thank you,

Chris Gourley

Biologist
Capital and Asset Management Program
Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife
(360) 902-8392



Lindsey Ozbolt

From: Easterbrooks, John A (DFW) <John.Easterbrooks@dfw.wa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 4:42 PM
To: Hendrix, Leah (DFW); stevecin984@msn.com; Lindsey Ozbolt
Subject: Re: Comment re: CU-14-00006 WDFW

I called Steve and explained the project. I think he understands it better now and is not so vehemently against it. I told him a site below the dam was my first choice, but we lost out on the Winters property. He didn't know that we acquired the parcel to replace the water access we traded with Red's in the canyon. He didn't realize the amount of public bank fishing access we acquired as well (1/3 mi). I told him USBR and EWC intend to fence the levee above the dam and take that take-out away....our Hwy. 10 site is a safe upstream replacement.

I don't think he will attend the meeting. Don't know if he'll be inclined to change his testimony before the hearing, but I am copying Steve and Lindsey Ozbolt.

Easty

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE DROID

"Hendrix, Leah (DFW)" <Leah.Hendrix@dfw.wa.gov> wrote:

We have until 5 to re-direct if he is misunderstanding. lindsey.ozbolt@co.kittitas.wa.us address to collect comments.

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From: Hendrix, Leah (DFW)
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Hi John –

I am off in a few to meet the supporters at the meeting. Would you be able to discuss this with Steve? There is no other place to take out of the river anywhere near the dam. Even Visit Kittitas County says to take out at our property here.

There has to be some confusion as to the location. I have had calls from private owners downstream of this telling folks cannot take out on their property, and the EWC has directly stated that no one is to take out on their property. Folks are getting chased off, and now I hear there is a fence going up to prevent folks from taking out. Enforcement agrees this is necessary, so not sure what is up. Bad timing though after three years of work and all the community support to come up with this now.

Also let him know that our supporters are also supporting a put in below the dam, as soon as property can be located. We are trying to provide both. I am off. Thanks!

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