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Hi Arden,

As an FYI, and in keeping with the previous discussions we've had about these red zone proposals, we issued the attached decisions for the water right applications that were currently on file. We didn't want to leave them unresolved in application purgatory as the CUP process continued. While our comment language on the CUP was a bit vague, I would reiterate that it is Ecology's position that unmitigated new (or increased) uses cannot be allowed without impacts or impairment of other water users. Based on our analysis, Ecology was unable to conclude that the mitigation water offered would suitably offset the proposed impacts. Insofar as the proposed facility would be run by trucking in sanitation, beverages, toilets, etc, and otherwise operated as a dry facility, it should not be a problem, but the proponents should be aware that increased use of existing facilities would be viewed as a new use and require mitigation water.

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