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Lindsey Ozbolt
Planning Official
Kittitas County Community Development Services
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RE: Tillman Creek Habitat Enhancement Project JARPA - Kittitas County

Dear Ms. Ozbolt:

Please find enclosed a copy of the JARPA, Shoreline Exemption application, project designs, and supporting documentation for the proposed Tillman Creek Habitat Enhancement Project.

Kittitas Conservation Trust (KCT) is sponsoring this project through the Yakima Tributary Access and Habitat Program (YTAHP). The project will replace a temporary flow diversion structure with a permanent structure as the environmental benefits from this diversion have been clearly demonstrated. Upon completion, the project will continue directing up to 5.0 cubic feet per second flow from an unnamed tributary into Tillman Creek, improving connectivity with the Yakima River and enhancing habitat for juvenile steelhead trout, coho and Chinook salmon, and resident fishes.

The project is integrated with local recovery efforts and supported by the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, Washington Department of Ecology, Kittitas Conservation Trust, and the Yakama Nation, among others.

I am serving as the permitting coordinator for this project, and KCT will coordinate with Washington State Parks for oversight of all aspects of the construction. If you wish to further discuss specific aspects of the proposal, please contact me at (509) 406-3206 or Cassandra.Weekes@dfw.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Cassandra L Weekes

Cassandra Weekes
Biologist, Yakima Tributary Access & Habitat Program

Enclosures

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