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Re: SEPA Register 202202745, SE-22-00053

Dear Jeremiah Cromie:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Optional Determination of Non Significance process for the reestablishment of the Palouse to Cascade Ditch, proposed by Kittitas County Flood Control Zone District. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

WATER QUALITY

Erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading, or construction. These control measures must prevent soil from being carried by stormwater runoff into surface waters, or into stormwater drains that may discharge directly to surface water. Sand, silt, and soil will damage aquatic habitat and are considered pollutants.

If you have any questions concerning the Water Quality comments, please contact **Wendy Neet** at (509) 571-6733 or email at wendy.neet@ecy.wa.gov.

WATER RESOURCES

Dust Control from a Well

If the plan to use water for dust suppression at this project site, be sure that you have a legal right. In Washington State, prospective water users must obtain authorization from the Department of Ecology before diverting surface water or withdrawing ground water, with one exception. Ground water withdrawals of up to 5,000 gallons per day used for single or group domestic supply, up to 5,000 gallons per day used for industrial purposes, stock watering, and

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for the irrigation of up to one-half acre of non-commercial lawn and garden are exempt from the permitting process.

Water use under the [RCW 90.44.050](#) exemption establishes a water right that is subject to the same privileges, restrictions, laws and regulations as a water right permit or certificate obtained directly from Ecology. Temporary permits may be obtainable in a short time-period.

The concern of Water Resources is for existing water rights. In some instances water may need to be obtained from a different area and hauled in or from an existing water right holder.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Water Resources comments, please contact **Christopher Kossik** at (509) 379-1826 or email at christopher.kossik@ecy.wa.gov .

Sincerely,



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