



Western Watershed Enhancement Partnership

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Yakima Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan was developed to identify a comprehensive and balanced approach to water resources and ecosystem restoration improvements in the Yakima River Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Yakima Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan includes seven elements, including the habitat/watershed protection and enhancement element; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of the Western Watershed Enhancement Partnership, the following parties have collaborated to establish a joint program to proactively improve the health and resiliency of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Yakima River Basin Watershed, and thereby to protect municipal and agricultural water supplies, infrastructures and facilities, water delivery capabilities, and hydroelectric power generation; and

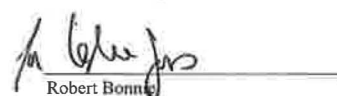
WHEREAS, the health of National Forest System land in Central Washington affects municipal and agricultural water supplies, public safety, recreation, natural resources, threatened and endangered species, and the economic vitality of the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, management of the forest and watershed health is important for protecting reservoir storage capacity, minimizing sedimentation load, maintaining water quantity, enhancing ecosystem health, reducing the threat of crown fires, flood volumes, and risk of future wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the relationships between all partners and participating agencies will be further enhanced through this collaborative project and will be integral to its success;

THEREFORE, by signing this Proclamation on October 13, 2016, the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, do hereby proclaim commitment to the success of the partnerships and projects that will improve the health and resilience of said watershed.


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YAKIMA RIVER BASIN INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN


Building a Future for Water, Wildlife and Working Lands


Signing in support of this collaborative effort

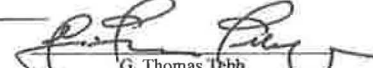

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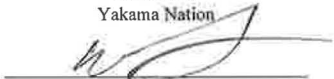

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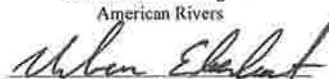

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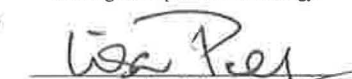

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