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Dusty Pilkington Kittitas County Community Development Services 411 N. Ruby St. #4 Ellensburg, WA 98926

Re: Open Space Applications OC-16-00002 Jensen and OC-16-00003 Jensen

Dear Mr. Pilkington:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has reviewed the two open space applications (OC-16-00002 Jensen and OC-16-00003 Jensen) for the Jensen property on the Teanaway River. We have worked closely with Mr. Jensen and are familiar with these properties. They've been managed for natural values and include high quality wetland, riparian, shoreline, and riverine habitats—all of which create complex fish and wildlife habitat. We believe there is public benefit to maintaining these properties in open space and support both applications.

Please feel free to contact me at (509) 962-3421 or Jennifer.nelson@dfw.wa.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Nelson

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