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April 30, 2021

Kelly Bacon Community Development Services Kittitas County 411 N. Ruby St., Suite 2 Ellensburg, WA 98926

SUBJECT: SE-21-00007 Spring Creek Restoration Project

Dear Kelly Bacon,

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has been actively engaged with Kittitas County and numerous other partners working on floodplain acquisitions and enhancement projects in this reach of the Yakima River. Our strong support continues for this project as it will allow for more natural floodplain functions that will benefit the fish, wildlife, and their habitats along the Yakima River.

The removal of culverts and associated grading will require a Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) from WDFW and we look forward to our continued involvement and partnership on this project with numerous community benefits.

Please feel free to contact me at (509) 961-6639 or <u>Jennifer.nelson@dfw.wa.gov</u> if you have any questions about these comments.

Sincerely,

Jenniper Melson

Jennifer Nelson Area Habitat Biologist