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Re: Reactivate Ringold River Pump  
File: 23-001

Dear Lisa Wood:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Determination of Nonsignificance regarding the Reactivate Ringold River Pump Project (Proponent: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife). After reviewing the documents, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) submits the following comments:

**Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program**

The subject project includes replacement and/or refurbishment of mechanical equipment and other infrastructure within the 100-year floodplain as depicted upon Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panel number 530040300B for Franklin County. WDFW is responsible for applying for and receiving a Floodplain Development Permit from Franklin County in accordance with locally adopted regulations (Franklin County Ordinance 02-2022). Potential conditions of permit issuance may include adequate anchoring and the use of water-resistant materials.

For more information or technical assistance, please contact Megan Hayes at (509) 220-2983 or via email at [Meagan.Hayes@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Meagan.Hayes@ecy.wa.gov).

**Water Resources Program**

Any surface water diversion(s) will require an application for a water right permit to the Department of Ecology. No diversion of surface water shall take place without the department's authorization.

For more information or technical assistance, please contact Herm Spangle at (509) 209-3421 or via email at [Herm.Spangle@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Herm.Spangle@ecy.wa.gov).

**State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)**

Ecology bases comments upon information submitted for review. As such, comments made do not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations you may need to obtain, nor legal requirements you may need to fulfill in order to carry out the proposed action. Applicants should remain in touch with their Local Responsible Officials or Planners for additional guidance.

For information on the SEPA Process, please contact Cindy Anderson at (509) 655-1541 or via email at [Cindy.Anderson@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Cindy.Anderson@ecy.wa.gov).

For more guidance on, or to respond to the comments made by Ecology, please contact the appropriate staff listed above at the phone number or email provided.

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