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Re: West Little Walla Walla River Restoration  
File: 23-045

Dear Lisa Wood:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Determination of Nonsignificance regarding the West Little Walla Walla River Restoration 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-Floodplains**

The West Little Walla Walla River Restoration is within the boundaries 100-year floodplain. A Floodplain Development Permit (FDP) will be required, Application for the FDP will be made available through and processed by the Floodplain Administrator at Walla Walla County. The FDP must be received prior to commencing with development activities.

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