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ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

Description of proposal: The Packer Creek hydrological restoration Phase 1 project proposal consists of 1) replacing an existing control structure in Packer Creek which will allow a portion of the peak flows to be diverted into an associated wetland (Site 1); 2) restoring a flow-through wetland basin to try to meet its historical hydrological function which will require a new dike with spillway (Site 2); and reconnecting Packer Creek with its historic floodplain by breaching segments of the berm and filling in human-made ditches (Site 3).

Proponent: U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District Office, 1103 North Fancher Road, Spokane, Washington 99212-1275. Contact Person: Todd D. Thompson, Fish and Wildlife Program Lead.

Location of current proposal: Approximately Four Miles Southwest of Ewan, Washington, Whitman County; Sections 29 and 32, Township 19 North, Range 40 East WM

Title of document being adopted: Packer Creek Environmental Assessment OR 135-01-EA-09 & Allotment Management Plan, Allotment #000698, July, 2001.

Agency that prepared document being adopted: Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District Office, 1103, North Fancher, Spokane, Washington 99212-1275.

Date adopted document was prepared: July 24, 2001

Description of document (or portion) being adopted: The EA addresses issuance of a 10-year lease for livestock grazing on the Packer Creek Allotment (00698). The multi-use objectives allow for livestock forage production, wildlife habitat and watershed needs. The sections being adopted are the proposed water feature improvements. The proposal plans to restore the hydrology and associated wetland complexes of Packer Creek. Ditches in Pastures 5, 6, and 7 will be backfilled, a control structure will be reconstructed, and other flow controls will be repaired or installed. (See Pages 2, 5 – 7).

If the document being adopted has been challenged (197-11-630), please describe: No challenge is known.

The document is available to be read at (place/time): Document enclosed.

We have identified and adopted this document as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The document meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

Name of agency adopting the document: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

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DATE OF ISSUE: June 10, 2003 **SIGNATURE:** 

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