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Subject: Manastash Creek – Troy Berger Flood Control and Shoreline Protection – SEPA
Review Comments

Dear Ms. Clear:

Thank you for reviewing Troy Berger's proposed Flood Control and Shoreline Protection Project on Manastash Creek.

Your comments focused on the potential to discharge pollutants off site and the requirements for the NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit if there is potential for off-site discharge. I would like to clarify that the proposed ground disturbance (excavation and grading) will be within the stream channel itself, reconfiguring gravel bars that obstruct flow into the several secondary channels. The only shoreline impacts expected are incidental to equipment access to the channel and the revegetation of banks. A Construction Stormwater General Permit should not be needed for this work.

The HPA for the proposed work will be conditioned to require that construction of this project does not impair water quality. The HPA will include provisions requiring erosion control, isolation of the work area from the flowing water of Manastash Creek, management and disposal of waste water, and revegetation of disturbed shoreline areas. The proponent intends to start work as soon as possible while Manastash Creek is at low flow with flow significantly reduced downstream of the work site by irrigation diversions such that flow is sub-surface for over a mile before reaching the Yakima River.

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Thank you for your interest in Manastash Creek.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light yellow background. The signature is cursive and appears to read "Brent D. Renfrow".

Brent D. Renfrow
District Habitat Biologist

Cc: Bob Zeigler, WDFW SEPA Coordinator
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