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Bob Zeigler  
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Re: Chesaw Wildlife Area Burns to Improve Aspen

Dear Mr. Zeigler:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the determination of nonsignificance for the Chesaw Wildlife Area Burns to Improve Aspen project. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

**SHORELANDS/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE**

Ecology recommends avoidance and minimization of impacts to critical areas and associated buffers from fire line construction.

The preparation and implementation of a mitigation plan to restore critical areas and associated buffers impacted from construction of fire lines is also recommended.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Shorelands/Environmental Assistance comments, please contact **Andrea Jedel** at (509) 454-4260.

Sincerely,

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