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Greetings Lisa,

It was nice speaking with you on Wednesday. The Parks and Recreation Commission supports projects that improve fish habitat, however, we would like to see issues related to this specific proposal addressed prior to completion of the SEPA review process. It is possible that these issues can be resolved through consultation with the project proponent and Department of Fish and Wildlife staff at an on-site meeting on October 15, 2014. However, until these discussions occur, the Parks and Recreation Commission formally requests that the comment period for DNS 14-067 be extended until October 17, 2014 to allow additional time for comment. At this time, the Parks and Recreation Commission has the following concerns based on the checklist submitted:

- The timing, scope and equipment that will be used will have a substantial impact on State Park land and park users. State Parks is concerned that the details related to trail closure such as plans for traffic control, contacting local landowners, speed limits, signage for recreational users, and public safety during construction have not been adequately addressed;
- Lack of detail as to how the John Wayne Pioneer Trail – on which large construction equipment will operate - will be repaired/remediated when construction is complete. The equipment to be used has the potential to significantly widen the trail;
- Winter recreation opportunities and public use of the S. Cle Elum Depot will be impacted;
- Detail related to the control of noxious weeds following construction has not been provided;
- Detail regarding the long-term effects of back eddying and debris blockage from the structures to be installed has not been provided;
- Detail related to potential impact to the John Wayne Pioneer Trail from post-construction river erosion has not been provided;
- In the past, the City of Cle Elum has voiced concerns related to debris accumulation at the State Parks bridge located just upstream of the project site. It is not clear that potential debris accumulation has been addressed as part of this project.
- Justification for the need to service 300 class excavators on the trail. There should be measures taken to eliminate contaminants. Is it necessary for servicing to be occur on park property?
- Methods that will be used to reduce dust abatement around the S. Cle Elum Depot and private residences.
- There is no plan for snow removal.
- If part of the project, details related to the proposed timber thinning that will occur just south of park property. This would include the hauling out of multiple loads of logs on the John Wayne Pioneer Trail.

Thank you for your consideration of this extension request. Please feel free to contact me with any questions . . . Thank you, Randy

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