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Dear Ms. Reed:

Here is a response to SEPA comments on the Indian Creek Floodplain Restoration project from your agency:

- Only woody material will be placed in the geomorphic floodplain and in the stream pursuant to conditions of an HPA. We will not be placing in any material that the Corps of Engineers considers as “fill” in jurisdictional wetlands.
- Attached are aerials photographs showing the access routes, and staging areas for woody material. The staging areas will serve as material stockpile areas, and woody material will be moved from there via utility tractor and hand tools when they are placed in the stream. We will comply with the conditions of the HPA and Forest Practices Permit when we haul and place material.
- After the material has been staged the access roads will be closed and disturbed soils will be treated to control erosion. Methods for treatment may include but will not necessarily be limited to placement of native slash, construction of water bars with hand tools, spreading weed-free straw, and seeding with sterile rye or approved native seed.
- I do not anticipate any negative impacts to jurisdictional wetlands, because we will not be staging, driving through, or placing fill in jurisdictional wetlands.
- Revegetation strategies will include, but may not be limited to, broadcast seeding with sterile rye grass or native seed. Monitoring this floodplain restoration project will occur following high flows to determine if natural seeding of riparian plants occurs. This has been one of the beneficial responses of other floodplain restoration projects.
- Turbidity will be managed by conducting restoration on dry or frozen ground. Work will not occur when soil moisture is high enough that displacement and sediment delivery to streams will occur.

Thank you for your assistance with this floodplain restoration project.

Best Regards,

Scott Nicolai