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Good Morning Gwen,

Thank you for taking the time to review the SEPA for the proposed fish screening project on Coleman Creek in Kittitas County. I will attempt to address your comments below but please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions or concerns about the project.

The water right associated with this diversion is actually Ellensburg Water Company water that is delivered through Coleman Creek. It is my understanding that because this is not a Coleman Creek water right, the change application is not necessary. The Kittitas County Conservation District (KCCD) has gone through the change application process with Ecology and the Water Conservancy Board in the past, so if indeed that is a necessary step, we can begin that process. We will assume it is not necessary for Canal deliveries via the creek unless we hear otherwise from you.

We are all in agreement that protection of water quality during this construction project is critical to its success. Coleman Creek supports salmon, steelhead, and resident fishes that warrant protection. The KCCD is experienced in construction project management and this is a Yakima Tributary Access and Habitat Program project that will have numerous agencies onsite during construction to help ensure BMPs are in place to minimize impacts to fish life and water quality. The equipment and material staging area will be at least 100 feet away from the stream bank, work will occur during low flow conditions, experienced contractors will be selected who have done instream work before, work area isolation and dewatering will follow the guidelines set in Bonneville Power Administration's HIP III Biological Opinions with USFWS and NOAA Fisheries to conduct the work, and a WDFW biologist will be onsite during worksite isolation and rewatering. Short term and long term erosion control measures will include seeding, mulch, erosion control fabric, and native vegetation plantings along the disturbed banks.

Thank you again for your comments and please let me know if they've been adequately addressed.
Jen

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