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Ms. Lisa Wood
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WDFW Regulatory Services Section
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Re: Potholes Reservoir Supplemental Feed Route-Crab Creek Phase 2: Temp Ground Water Relief at Trout Lodge Hatchery, File # 15-054

Dear Ms. Wood:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Determination of Nonsignificance regarding the construction of several short-term engineered groundwater relief bypass structures and installation of temporary culverts to divert rising groundwater off of WDFW-owned lands downstream into Rocky Ford Creek (Proponent-Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife). The Department of Ecology (Ecology) has reviewed the documents and submits the following comments:

Shorelands & Environmental Assistance Program-Shorelines-Jacob McCann (509) 329-3584

Rocky Ford Creek and associated wetlands are in the project footprint. Impacts to these waterbodies will likely require permitting from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Section 404) and will require review and possible permitting from Department of Ecology (Section 401). Since this proposal may require work in the water, the JARPA should clearly describe measures to dewater the sites during construction to avoid and minimize sediment discharge to Rocky Ford Creek. Location and method of sediment/turbidity control BMP measures should be clearly outlined on site plans. Please contact Jacob McCann at (509) 329-3584 or Jacob.McCann@ecy.wa.gov for more information.

Shorelands & Environmental Assistance Program-Floodplains-Lynn Schmidt-(509) 329-3413

Based on Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Special Flood Hazard Areas are shown to be located within the project vicinity. If any part of the proposed project involves development within the Special Flood Hazard Area, a Floodplain Development Permit must be issued by the local jurisdiction. Please contact Grant County for information about this permit.

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State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)-Terri Costello (509) 329-3550

Ecology's comments are based upon information submitted for review. As such, they do not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations that must be obtained or legal requirements that must be fulfilled in order to carry out the proposed action.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these comments, please contact the appropriate staff listed above.

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cc: Charity N. Davidson, Columbia River Water Program Coordinator, Washington State DFW