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Subject: FW: DNS 15-058: WENNER LAKES DAM REPAIR
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Hi George, thank-you for the comments regarding the Wenner Lakes Dam Repair. The lower dam is not being repaired mainly due to the same concerns you listed. It will be left drained (Wenner Lake #5) and the lakebed will be planted to restore the wetland and riparian habitat. The upper dam on Wenner Lake #3 is being repaired and is eligible for FEMA funding. There was also strong support from adjacent landowners to keep the dam in place because they felt that removal of the dam would threaten their downstream properties. We also see recreational uses of the lake as well and want to continue to provide that opportunity to the public.

The upper dam is being repaired according to current standards and is designed to function properly during extreme flows without failing. Your comment about cattle grazing is noted and will be passed on to local managers. This project will neither encourage nor discourage whatever existing grazing rights are in place.

Thanks again,

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Sirs:

Please accept the following comments on behalf of Conservation Northwest concerning the Wenner Lakes Dam Repair project DNS referred to in the subject line above.

1. Cost should be a consideration. The dams should not be rebuilt because it does not provide much benefit to taxpayers. The dams are on private land, but the lakes are only partly owned by WDFW. The upper dam with the public access, was not deep enough to allow good fishing and the visitor area was too small for recreation.

2. The dams should not be rebuilt with state money because there is a risk of dam failure occurring

again. The area should be restored to its historical condition which is a wetland.

3. Cattle should be excluded from the wetland or lake area in either case.

Sincerely,

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