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Dear Mr. Anderson,

I first must apologize for our late response to your comment and questions about the project to implement the WWA Floodplain Management Plan.

As you've noted the project's intent is to restore natural processes, and toward that end several in-stream restoration projects have been implemented with noticeable results in the short term. It is worth mentioning that river temperatures have dropped significantly in several locations, with some reaches seeing double digit improvements (temperatures more than 10 degrees {Fahrenheit} lower).

The Tucannon Lakes projects begin with Rainbow Lake, for which a considerable amount of work will be required to shift the lake eastward. WDFW is bound by law to provide the construction opportunity through an open public bidding process to which any qualifying contractor can provide a bid. The most reasonably priced bid is then selected from the "responsive" and "responsible" bidders. The successful bidders for projects, like this one, requiring heavy equipment operation come from those who can offer the lowest mobilization and operator costs. And those companies are generally local or regional contractors.

We thank you for your support and your question about this important WDFW project.

Sincerely,
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