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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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Re: North Potholes and Frenchman Prescription Burn, File #: 20-007

Dear Lisa Wood:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Determination of Nonsignificance regarding the prescribed burning to improve wetland habitat for native wildlife in the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area (Proponent: WA Department of Fish and Wildlife). The Department of Ecology (Ecology) has reviewed the documents and submits the following comments:

**Air Quality Program-Outdoor Burn Unit-Daniel Matsche (509) 329-3523**

Please apply for a special outdoor burn permit through Ecology's Eastern Regional Office (ERO). Permit applications can be found at the following link  
<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/documents/ecy07052.pdf>.

If you have questions, please contact the ERO Smoke Management Team at (509) 329-3400

**State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)**

Ecology bases comments upon information submitted for review. As such, comments made do not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations you may need to obtain, nor legal requirements you may need to fulfill in order to carry out the proposed action. Applicants should remain in touch with their Local Responsible Officials or Planners for additional guidance.

To receive more guidance on or to respond to the comments made by Ecology, please contact the appropriate staff listed above at the phone number or email provided.

Department of Ecology  
Eastern Regional Office  
(Ecology File #: 202000603)

cc: Emily Grabowsky, Northern Leopard Frog Biologist, WA Department of Fish and Wildlife