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Subject: Response to comments on Beaver Lake Inlet Maintenance SEPA

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Good Morning-

Thank you for your comments on the SEPA application for the Beaver Lake Inlet Maintenance on the WT Wooten Wildlife Area.

In response to the Dam Safety Office comment, the dam is a wing-dam located in the Tucannon River that directs water into the Beaver Lake inlet structure. The dam referred to in the SEPA document is not an impoundment dam. The work proposed is to hand-pile rocks from the river channel to patch and/or extend the wing dam to keep water flowing into Beaver and Watson Lakes to keep the hatchery-stocked fish alive for the put-and-take fishery. The spring flows shift the rocks in the wing dam each year and during the low summer flows it can be challenging at times to keep water flowing into the lakes.

In response to the Water Resources Program comment, the proposed use will be within the water right limitations for Beaver and Watson Lakes.

In response to the SEPA comment, I understand these comments are not an exhaustive list of authorizations or legal requirements. I will be obtaining an HPA to do the proposed work once the SEPA is completed. I will also be getting any other needed permits.

Thank you for your time and please let me know if you have any further questions or would like further clarification.

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