## WDFW REPLY TO ECOLOGY

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Dear Ms. Clear,

Thank you for taking the time to comment on our determination of nonsignificance for the Chester Butte Shrubsteppe Restoration.

This property provides valuable habitat for a variety of wildlife dependant on shrubsteppe and was purchased specifically to mitigate for the habitat losses resulting from the construction of Grand Coulee and Chief Joseph dams. Consequently, WDFW has no intention of selling this Wildlife Area Recreation property. Also, please note that due to its remote location within Douglas County, public use of the site is extremely low.

Thank you again for taking the time to review and comment.

Best Regards, Dan

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