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Ms. Lisa Wood
SEPA/NEPA Coordinator
WDFW Regulatory Services Section
600 Capitol Way North
Olympia, WA 98501-1091

Re: Wooten Wildlife Area Floodplain Management Plan Implementation, File # 16-054

Dear Ms. Wood:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Determination of Nonsignificance regarding the on-going floodplain habitat restoration to the Wooten Wildlife Area to include large woody debris and channel modifications, rehabilitation of Campground 3 at Rainbow Lake, and installation of an underground powerline from the Hatchery to Camp Wooten (Proponent: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife). The Department of Ecology (Ecology) has reviewed the documents and submits the following comments:

Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program-Floodplains-Lynn Schmidt (509) 329-3413

Based on Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Special Flood Hazard Areas are shown to be located within the project vicinity. If any part of the proposed project involves development within the Special Flood Hazard Area (including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment or materials), a Floodplain Development Permit must be issued by the local jurisdiction. Please contact [Columbia County Planning and Building Department](#) for information about this permit.

Water Resources Program-Herm Spangle (509) 329-3488

Any surface water diversions will require application to the Department of Ecology for a water right permit. Please contact Herm Spangle at (509) 329-3488 or at herm.spangle@ecy.wa.gov for more information.

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)-Terri Costello (509) 329-3550

Ecology's comments are based upon information submitted for review. As such, they do not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations that must be obtained or legal requirements that must be fulfilled in order to carry out the proposed action.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these comments, please contact the appropriate staff listed above.

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cc: Douglas Mackey, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife