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Re: DNS 18-041 North Fork Manastash Creek and Lower Umtanum Creek Wood Replenishment

Dear Mrs. Wood:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Determination of Non-Significance North Fork Manastash Creek and Lower Umtanum Creek Wood Replenishment (DNS 18-041). We have reviewed the environmental checklist and have the following comments.

WATER QUALITY

Umtanum Creek and North Fork Manastash Creek are included in two Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) water quality improvement programs: the Upper Yakima River Sediment, Turbidity and Organochlorine Pesticides TMDL and the Upper Yakima Tributaries Temperature TMDL. The Washington State Department of Ecology's Water Quality Program strongly supports the proposed project, as the project actions are specifically recommended in both TMDL programs and should ultimately improve water quality in these creeks.

However, the proposed project will need to protect these creeks from degradation during the construction phase, which includes log placement and establishment of staging areas. Project planning, development, and use of the sites should include water quality protection.

Please contact **Jane Creech** at 509-454-7860 or jton461@ecy.wa.gov if you have questions about these TMDL programs.

Sincerely,

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