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RE: WRIA 35 WETLAND PROJECT, PRELIMINARY STORAGE SITES

Hi Dave-

Thanks for your input at the WRIA 35 meeting in Pomeroy yesterday. Following our discussions, the WRIA 35 Planning Unit would like to consider developing a wetland restoration project. The purpose of the project is to provide multiple benefits to the watershed for water storage, habitat and water quality. The Planning Unit indicated a preference for projects that could be located on State lands- to avoid costs associated with land acquisition and insurance. The general concept is to create a wetland project located within the riparian zone that would provide habitat and water storage. The project could be connected to the mainstem creeks and/or rivers to provide habitat and would be constructed in a way that avoids impacts to the river channel. The Planning Unit has a preference for the following sites:

- **Tucannon River Basin Site 1** Within the riparian zone of the Tucannon River on the left bank floodplain near the intersection of Tucannon Road and Hartsock Grade Road, approximately 1.5 miles downstream of confluence of Tumulum Creek and Tucannon River.
- **Asotin Creek Basin Site 1** Within the riparian zone of Asotin Creek near the confluence of S. Fork and N. Fork sites.
- **Asotin Creek Basin Site 2** Along Lick Creek about 1 mile below the Forest Service Boundary.

We are requesting input as to whether WDFW would support the proposed project. Of course, we realize that WDFW would need to review and approve the project approach and the conceptual and final project designs before granting full approval. At this time, we are requesting WDFW approval of the general project concept of constructing or enhancing wetlands located on WDFW-administered lands at the locations suggested above. If WDFW does support this approach, we would like to meet with the appropriate WDFW staff to develop a project concept that fits in with WDFW goals for these areas.

Please call us at 425-450-6200 if you have any questions or require further information. We would appreciate coordinating with you on this as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.