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Jaime Short
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Re: Walla Walla County Regional SMP Proposed Shoreline Jurisdiction

Jaime,

During discussion of the preliminary jurisdiction maps and the shoreline inventory map folio at meetings of the project management team and the regional working group, comments and questions arose about the shoreline jurisdiction status of Whetstone Hollow Creek, Coppei Creek, and Yellowhawk Creek. As a result I asked The Watershed Company to determine if there was any existing flow data for the three creeks and prepare a letter describing such data, if any, and whether or not in their professional opinion the SMP jurisdiction status of any or all of the three creeks should be revised.

Attached is a letter from Dan Nickel of The Watershed Company responding to my request. As you will see, he recommends revising the jurisdiction status of Whetstone Hollow Creek and a portion of Yellowhawk Creek.

Consequently, Dan and I would like to discuss his recommendations with you with the goal of ultimately receiving a determination from the Department on the jurisdiction status of the three creeks. Since we are already well into work on the shoreline inventory and characterization report, I would appreciate a determination as soon as is practicable.

Sincerely,



Bill Stalzer
SMP Project Team Leader, Walla Walla County Regional SMP Updates

Cc: Project Management Team, Regional Shoreline Master Program Updates
Connie Vinti, Clerk of the Board, Walla Walla Board of County Commissioners