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February 19, 2014

Jaime Short
Shoreline Planner
Washington State Dept. of Ecology
4601 North Monroe
Spokane, Washington 98888

Re: Walla Walla County Regional SMP, Whetstone Hollow Creek

Jaime,

The project management team for the regional shoreline master program update is requesting that the Department review the designation of Whetstone Hollow Creek as a Shoreline of the State and that the creek be removed from inclusion in our SMP.

As you know, the designation of Whetstone Hollow Creek has been a matter of interest to the project management team since last fall. Jurisdictional waters were first discussed at the team's September meeting at which time Prescott's representative questioned the creek's designation as a Shoreline of the State. At the team's direction, I had The Watershed Company conduct data research and field observations during October and November. In December the team discussed the additional research and agreed that I should contact you and have The Watershed Company prepare documentation requesting the creek be removed from inclusion in our SMP.

The attached analysis by Dan Nickel of The Watershed Company expands the discussions in his October 25th and December 18th preliminary jurisdiction analyses of Whetstone Hollow Creek. It addresses questions raised in your January email and discussed subsequently among the three of us. It concludes that it is unlikely the creek should be designated a Shoreline of the State. Consequently, we request that it be removed from inclusion in our regional SMP.

Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information regarding this request.

Sincerely,



Bill Stalzer
Project Team Leader, Walla Walla Regional SMP Update Project Management Team

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