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Dear Mr. Carter:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft environmental impact statement for the Chief Joseph Hatchery Program. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

**Water Resources**

If the well field will be located on State lands to provide water to the hatchery and/or acclimation ponds it will require an application to the Department of Ecology for a water right permit.

If test wells have already been drilled on State land, then please contact Ecology, Central Region, for technical assistance as soon as possible.

It must be noted that the project may fall within the Instream Resources Protection Plan for the Okanogan River basin (WAC 173-548) and that all waters in continuity with the system will be recognized as part of the river water. All uses under state jurisdiction, except single domestic, will be subject to instream flows. If the new Methow Valley Water Resources management program under Chapter 173-548A WAC has been adopted at the time work commences on this planned development and the development is within state jurisdiction, the project must be consistent with, and go through local plan review for assessment of compliance.

If there are existing water right holders along the proposed bypass reach(es), interruption or interference in the availability of water must be considered. Chapter 173-150 WAC



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provides for the protection of existing rights against impairment.

All water wells constructed shall be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 173-160 WAC by a driller licensed in the State of Washington. A well report must be submitted to the Department of Ecology within 30 days after completion of a well.

If surface water will be diverted for any part of this project, it may require an application from the Department of Ecology for a water right permit.

Construction of any dam or dike falling under state jurisdiction and which is capable of impounding water to a depth of 10 feet or more at any point, or will impound a volume of 10 acre feet or more at normal pool level, will require a reservoir permit from the Department of Ecology prior to construction.

In regards to employee housing, any ground water withdrawals from wells on state lands in excess of 5,000 gallons per day or for the irrigation of more than ½ acre of lawn or noncommercial garden will require a permit from the Department of Ecology.

If you have any questions concerning the Water Resources comments, please contact Breean Zimmerman at (509) 454-7647.

### **Water Quality**

For any areas that are outside the Colville Reservation boundary; an NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit from the Washington State Department of Ecology is required if there is a potential for stormwater discharge from a construction site with more than one acre of disturbed ground. This permit requires that the SEPA checklist fully disclose anticipated activities including building, road construction and utility placements. Obtaining a permit is a minimum of a 38 day process and may take up to 60 days if the original SEPA does not disclose all proposed activities.

The permit requires that Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (Erosion Sediment Control Plan) is prepared and implemented for all permitted construction sites. These control measures must be able to prevent soil from being carried into surface water (this includes storm drains) by stormwater runoff. Permit coverage and erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading or construction.

More information on the stormwater program may be found on Ecology's stormwater website at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/>. Please

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submit an application or contact Ray Latham at the Dept. of Ecology, (509) 575-2807,  
with questions about this permit.

Sincerely,



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