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To: Greg Delwicks
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Shaw, Fish Biologist
Subject: Wa. Dept. of Fish & Wilflife Livestock Grazing
Damage to the ESA Steelhead on the Blue Mtn. WMA
(FIOA Request)
From: Rob Kavanaugh

As you know the WDFW initiated the Pilot Grazing Project on the Blue Mtn. WMA in 2006. This was done secretly with no federal consultation with the USFWS or the BPA. These actions violate NEPA. And, as you are aware, significant federal and tribal funds and resources have been expended on this WMA to protect and enhance anadromous fish stocks. So far the BPA remains unresponsive. But this must soon change Im sure you agree.

We just briefed Cong. Norm Dicks staff and they are very interested in why the BPA has not reacted. We have no answer.

You must know that ESA stocks are reduced by 80% in the Columbia and Snake Rv. Basins. This should be a loud warning that you need to take actions when we report habitat damages to you. (photos were provided by the WWP this spring to Herra) Tribal staff are also very concerned about BPA expending salmon recovery funds with one hand and supporting livestock grazing that damages the habitat of steelhead with the other hand. Here we refer to the operating funds you provide to WDFW. This just does not make sense. (Lawerence NPT Aug. 2007) This has got to change. You have been made aware previously that ESA habitat is being damaged by cattle grazing within the Asotin Cr. Basin on the Blue mtn. WMA. Please let me know what actions you are taking to correct this problem? Has federal coordination between BPA and the WDFW taken place on the Pilot Grazing Project? If so what are the results. Sec. 7 ESA counsultaions etc.

What is your strategy for the Asotin Cr. subbasin at this time? How does this fit in with the Plot Grazing Project livestock grazing in the riparian areas of Clark, Pintler, & Kelly where the WDFW goal is to remove 50% of the available forage? (Asher WDFW 2007) Did BPA review these permits? Why not? We request you inspect both the uplands and riparian damages as soon as possible and send your results to me for review.

The Wa. Dept. of Ecology voices strong conerns over the potential violations of RCW 90.48.080 and WDFW ignores this completely. (WDOE 4May and Aug. 2007 Atkins and Peeler) Please send us any water quality oe fish monitoring records you have on these streams. I understand your reluctance to act against WDFW but I am concerned that you are negligent in your responsibility to protect ESA species because of your lack of involvement. For the above mentioned concerns I am forwarding a copy of this letter on to the Dept. of Energy so that they may give you additional motivation, advice, direction and legal counsel.

cc. U.S.D.I.E. Sharon Jones
Cong. Norm Dicks