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August 13, 2019

Jim Brown, Regional Director
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
1550 Alder St NW
Ephrata, WA 98823

Dear Mr. Brown,

In response to your letter regarding partnering with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners is pleased to confirm our interest in partnering with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife on a potential land acquisition in the lower Methow Valley.


Okanogan County will only need to utilize a small portion of the proposed acquisition to establish a rock pit and quarry for road work. We appreciate the opportunity to work with you and your staff thru WDFW's internal Lands 20/20 review and we anticipate a favorable outcome from that process. We understand that if approval through that process is granted, funding would then need to be secured for the purchase.

It is important to note that Okanogan County's interest in the property is contingent on the ability to acquire all necessary permits for the siting of the rock pit and quarry, including but not limited to a Conditional Use Permit.

We look forward to the opportunity to work together to potentially fulfill both the needs of Okanogan County Public Works and the desire of WDFW to secure lands for habitat needs.

Sincerely,

**BOARD OF OKANOGAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



Jim DeTro, Chairman



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