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October 1, 2019

Phil Rigdon, Superintendent
Yakama Nation Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 151 Toppenish, WA 98948
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Dear Superintendent Rigdon,

The purpose of this letter is to thank you for Yakama Nation's comments dated September 19, 2019, on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) prepared for Okanogan County's Comprehensive Plan and invite you and members of Yakama Nation Department of Natural Resources to discuss concerns presented in that letter at a public meeting with the Board of County Commissioners. The suggested dates are October 16th at 9 a.m. or October 21st.

We appreciate the opportunity to discuss concerns regarding the perceived insufficiencies in the document issued July 17, 2019 and review Yakama Nations proposed solutions. Currently the Okanogan County Planning Commission is reviewing all comments received during the comment period, and developing a schedule of work sessions to discuss the issues presented.

From the work sessions a supplemental DEIS will be written to capture the analysis gaps and refinement based on changes that will come out of the Planning Commission. The direction from the Planning Commission so far has been to reorganize the document for clarity. Depending on the outcome of the changes recommended by the Planning Commission, another public hearing to take testimony will be scheduled. After the Public Hearing a recommendation will be sent to the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners.

We are committed to open productive discussions that will lead to more effective policies in the Comprehensive Plan. Thank you for the invitation in the comment received to schedule a meeting to discuss Yakama Nation's concerns.

Please let us know which date works best for you.

Sincerely,

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