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RE: Carlson's Application for Conditional Use Property for River Access

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I would like to clarify my position on the recent letter of support for a boat launch on the Yakima River. Having a safe boat launch below the diversion dam would be an asset to fly fishermen and occasionally the Sheriff's Office for rescue operations.

Due to the size and proximity of Mr. Carlson's property to the Yakima River it could potentially be a good location to access the river and for camping. After further review and visiting the site, Mr. Carlson does not have adequate and safe access to his property except through an easement along or through private properties. The easement is a narrow bumpy and dusty access that would not be good for the predicted increased flow of vehicles. Regular streams of motor vehicles, boat trailers, horse trailers and campers could pose a significant health and safety risk to the property owners and their animals.

I will continue to support efforts to establish safe access points to the Yakima River in this area provided it does not disrupt the quality of life and safety of the adjacent property owners. I may be more supportive if Mr. Carlson can develop an alternate access to his property and comply with the regular health and safety requirements of a large campground near the river.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gene Dana".

Gene Dana,
Sheriff

Cc: Mr. Carlson