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TO: Kittitas County Community Development

FROM: Anthony Fritts

SUBJECT: Access to Yakima River via McManamy road.

I would like to clarify my letter to Mr, Kris Carlson on April 18 in support for access to the Yakima River. While I do and will continue to support better access to the Yakima River in the reach between Town Diversion and KOA campground to facilitate our work with fisheries, the letter was written by myself as the leader of a research group within the WDFW and is not the official stance of the WDFW.

My personnel have used this access on occasion but I have not personally used this property to access the river so my endorsement was made without any firsthand knowledge of the property. Because I am not a Habitat Biologist, I do not have the expertise or the authority to evaluate whether a particular land use action is consistent with local land use policies or laws to protect aquatic and riparian habitat.

Sincerely,

Anthony Fritts
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