



IN REPLY REFER TO:

# United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION  
Columbia-Cascades Area Office  
1917 Marsh Road  
Yakima, WA 98901-2058



CCA-5700  
2.2.4.21

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Kittitas County Community Development Services  
Attn: Chace Pedersen  
411 N. Ruby Street, Suite 2  
Ellensburg, WA 98926  
[Chace.pedersen@co.kittias.wa.us](mailto:Chace.pedersen@co.kittias.wa.us)

Subject: Comments on Proposed Project No. CU023-00002, The Outpost

Dear Mr. Pedersen:

This letter is in response to your request for comments on a proposed campground located at Kittitas County Parcel Nos. 636935, 136935, 960269m and 960270.

As part of the Yakima River Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan (Integrated Plan), the Bureau of Reclamation in cooperation with the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, is providing mitigation or shoreline protection for raising the water level of the Cle Elum Reservoir by 3 feet to elevation 2243 feet.

Section 1206 of the 1994 Federal Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project (YRBWEP) Act, Title XII of Public Law 103-434, authorizes Reclamation to raise the level of the pool at Cle Elum Reservoir to store an additional 14,600 acre-feet of water. Reclamation and Ecology released a Final Environmental Impact Statement and Reclamation issued a Record of Decision in June 2015. This additional storage water is dedicated for use to enhance instream flows in the Yakima River Basin for the benefit of fish and wildlife. For more information visit our website at: <http://www.usbr.gov/pn/programs/eis/cleelumraise/index.html>.

Reclamation is currently working with Mr. Jackson and our partners to mitigate a spring box on his property that will be impacted by the Cle Elum Pool Raise Project. Planned mitigation is to compensate the landowner with a new well and decommission the spring box which will continue to provide water for the existing residence. The proposed development would require mitigation for a water right that is outside the scope of the 2015 Cle Elum Pool Raise Project Environmental Impact Statement. Therefore, Reclamation would like to go on record that any impacts to the proposed development would be beyond the scope of the Cle Elum Pool Raise Project and will not be mitigated for by Reclamation or our partners.

---

INTERIOR REGION 9 • COLUMBIA-PACIFIC NORTHWEST

IDAHO, MONTANA\*, OREGON\*, WASHINGTON

\* PARTIAL

Please consider our comments when processing the subject application. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Teresa Hauser, Project Manager, at (509)573-8121, or by email at [thauser@usbr.gov](mailto:thauser@usbr.gov). If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn W. Christensen, P.E.  
YRBWEP Manager

cc: G. Thomas Tebb, LG, LGH, LEG  
Director, Office of Columbia River  
Washington State Department of Ecology  
[GTEB461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:GTEB461@ecy.wa.gov)  
(via electronic submittal)

Danielle Squeochs  
Hydrologist  
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation  
[Danielle\\_Squeochs@Yakama.com](mailto:Danielle_Squeochs@Yakama.com)  
(via electronic submittal)

Scott Revell  
Manager/Treasurer  
Roza Irrigation District  
[srevell@roza.org](mailto:srevell@roza.org)  
(via electronic submittal)

Arden Thomas  
Water Resource Program Manager  
Kittitas County Public Works  
[Arden.thomas@co.kittitas.wa.us](mailto:Arden.thomas@co.kittitas.wa.us)  
(via electronic submittal)