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Okanogan and Wenatchee
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Date: September 11, 2015

Dear Forest User:

The Entiat Ranger District of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest in partnership with the Yakama Nation (YN) and Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), is proposing to implement a fish habitat enhancement project on the Entiat River. The purpose of the project is to improve aquatic habitat within the Entiat River at key locations along the Entiat River Road, re-establish river processes along the margins of the Entiat River via placement of large woody material (LWM) and re-connect a side channel to promote continued improvement in aquatic and riparian conditions in the long-term. The proposed project will include five treatment locations along the Entiat River between river mile 20.5 and 27.5, within the Upper Stillwaters and Stormy A Reaches. The proposed project will also include the short term use (1 year) of the USFS Preston Gravel Pit for storage of LWM and boulders that will be used for the project. The intended results of the proposed project include increased rearing and holding habitat for spring Chinook salmon (listed as Endangered under the Endangered Species Act -ESA), steelhead (listed as Threatened under the ESA) and summer Chinook salmon. The Entiat River Upper Stillwaters Project, a portion of the Stormy A Project and the Preston Gravel Pit (used to store materials) are located on Forest Service land in T28N, R19E, Sections 19, 29 and 33 and T27N R19E, Sections 10, 11, 14 and 15 (see enclosed maps). The majority of the Stormy A project is either privately owned or owned by the Chelan Douglas Land Trust. The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) will be preparing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents for that portion of the project.

The Entiat Ranger District will be engaging in the environmental process in evaluating the proposed undertaking within the Forest Service portions of Stormy A and for the Stillwaters area. The associated NEPA documents will summarize the project purpose and need and analyze the potential effects of the project on the human, natural and cultural environments. Scientific studies will be conducted to gather necessary data for the Forest Service to make an informed decision regarding implementation of the proposed project on federal lands. Wildlife and Botany surveys for Forest Service land will be completed by Forest Service biologists during the fall of 2015. Cultural surveys will be conducted by Yakama Nation Archaeologists.

We encourage you to provide scoping comments to the Forest Service to ensure that your clearly described concerns and issues are considered during the initial planning process. Please provide comments by October 2nd, 2015

For efficient and accurate review, we strongly encourage you to submit your comments via email to: comments-pacificnorthwest-wenatchee-entiat@fs.fed.us. Please include the subject heading "Entiat River Stillwaters/Stormy A Project". Comments may also be directed to Emily Johnson, Entiat-Chelan Fisheries Biologist at the Entiat Ranger District, PO Box 476, Entiat, WA 98822. If you have any questions regarding this project please contact Emily Johnson at (509) 664-9217.

Sincerely,

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5/7/2015

Stillwaters Side-Channel Reconnection
Stillwaters RipRap Enhancement

Stillwaters RipRap Enhancement Site A

Stillwaters RipRap Enhancement Site B

Preston Gravel Pit

Stormy A Large Woody Material Placement



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