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MEMORANDUM

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File No. 24-052101

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Other Interested Parties
East Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Proponent

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SEPA Desk, Parks
Dept. of Labor & Industries
Colville Confederated Tribes
M. Fromherz/A. Moody/B. Young, DNR

FROM: Tracy Cooper, SEPA Center

SUBJECT: **SEPA LEAD AGENCY & DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

This is to advise you that pursuant to WAC 197-11-900 (922 through 948), the Department of Natural Resources has determined that it is Lead Agency for the following:

Easement 50-106153 proposal is to grant an easement from Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the installation of a 42-inch diameter pressurized irrigation main pipeline, associated maintenance road, air/vacuum valve, fiber optics, power and appurtenances. This is part of the larger EL 84.7 Pumping Plant and Pipeline Distribution System intended to deliver Columbia Basin Project surface water to approximately 7,000 acres east of Othello, Washington, including to the subject DNR parcel. Located in Section 16, Township 15 North, Range 31 East, W.M., Adams County.

Information about this proposal including the Threshold Determination, SEPA Checklist and Forest Practice Application can be accessed through DNR's website at:

<https://www.dnr.wa.gov/other-projects>

Pursuant to WAC 332-41-504, this proposal was filed in the department's SEPA Center at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, on **May 21, 2024**. We will consider comments on this proposed DNS received by 4:30 p.m. on **June 4, 2024**. Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center at, sepacenter@wadnr.gov or P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.