



STATE OF WASHINGTON

RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

November 22, 2011

Dan Budd
Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
600 Capitol Way North
Olympia, WA 98501-1091

RE: Approval to Acquire Wilson Property without Access
#10-1861A; McLoughlin Falls 2010

Dear Mr. Budd:

Thank you for submitting your November 8th request to acquire the 165.65 acre Wilson property without legal access, located in Okanogan County. Your detailed letter and attached maps explaining why the property does not have legal access, how you cannot gain informal access, and how you meet the RCO "three conditions" for no access approval was thorough and complete.

After reviewing the information and attached maps it's my opinion that you have met our no access policy requirements outlined on pages 24-25 of our Acquisition Manual #3, December 2010. Your request is approved to purchase the Wilson property with no access, at the alternate as-is value established by the review appraiser.

As you note, it is accessible from the north via South Janis Road, a county road; however, the property does not have current permits over four Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad crossings. Your agency has committed to secure these four crossing permits on an annual basis to provide right of access for RCO to inspect and monitor this habitat acquisition.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Marc Duboiski at (360) 902-3137 or e-mail to marcd@rco.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kaleen Cottingham".

Kaleen Cottingham
Director

