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Mr. Patrick Lizon
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RE: Proposed 2012 Water Quality Assessment- Klickitat River temperature, Listing ID 72908

Dear Mr. Lizon:

Klickitat County would like to submit comments on your proposed category 5 temperature listings for the Klickitat River (Listing ID 72908- Temperature) and (Listing ID 77924- Dissolved Oxygen). The county believes the category 5 listing is not appropriate for Klickitat River. This listed reach is partially in the backwaters of the Columbia River and partially in the free flowing segment of the River. The NHD reaches should be split so that the backwater is delineated using the NHD polygon feature for the Columbia River subject to the (Water Quality Assessment Units for the Columbia and Snake Rivers- March 18) This would more closely align to the NHD hydrography it contains. The area from the lowest extent of the free flowing river up to Silva Creek should be its own reach.

According to the GPS location for Listings 72908 and 77924 the monitoring location is clearly in the area inundated by the Bonneville Pool with the assessment results becoming a part of the NHD hydrograph for the Columbia River.

The County requests that no measurements be attributed to the Klickitat River that are in the slack waters of the Bonneville pool.

Regards,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read "Jacob Anderson", is written over a horizontal line.

Jacob Anderson
Project Coordinator
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