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WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

March 8, 2010

Mr. Jon Jennings  
Mosquito Control Permit Comments  
Water Quality Program  
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RE: Mosquito Permit

Sir:

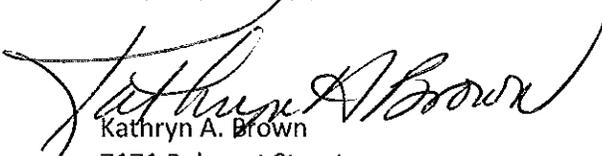
It has been brought to my attention that you are the person to contact regarding the above referenced subject. It is requested that you reconsider your policy change regarding utilizing the appropriate chemical to control the nuisance mosquito population within the Potholes area.

Possibility you are not aware that restriction of the permit by changing the language would cause a significant financial burden to this area. The Potholes area consists of a State Park, an RV membership park, the Mar Don Resort, a The Potholes Golf Course, two restaurants, a water craft rental service, numerous residential areas (both full time and summer residences) which includes a senior park and two small stores. All the previously noted businesses will be directly impacted by the restriction the Department of Ecology is considering. These businesses exist for the purpose of servicing tourists who visit the Grant County area. It is difficult to imagine any persons wanting to come to this area only to be overwhelmed by an uncontrolled mosquito population. Further, it would seriously limit the full time residents' ability to enjoy any outside activities.

It has also been brought to the attention of all the residences within this area that the current chemical being used is labeled for use in water, with no adverse effect on the habitat. Considering this fact, it would be most appreciated if you could take the time to explain what the basis of the decision to change the permitting requirements is being based on. Also, is the change in permitting requirements taking into consideration the financial impact such a change would have on the area? Has any consideration been given to requiring the Department of Interior to provide mosquito maintenance to the Wild Life Reserve under their control. It was noted that by spraying this area it would dramatically limit the mosquito population, thus assisting the Grant County Mosquito District in performing their duties in a more effective manner.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you in regards to why this permitting process is being changed and the justification for this action.

Very respectfully yours,



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