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FROM: Denise Lefler  
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It is my understanding that the Federal Department of Ecology is rallying to stop all mosquito control spraying in Grant County where I reside. I purchased my home located in Grant County, in the Marine View Homeowner's Association ten (10) years ago. I chose to live out my retirement here in this small community above the Potholes Reservoir/O'Sullivan Dam. I have a beautiful home that overlooks the large Potholes lakes. In the summertime I spend countless hours socializing in my back yard and out on my deck that overlooks the water views. There have been many times where it was unbearable to be outside due to the mosquito infestation. When the spray plane flies over our community and the mosquito sprayer truck drives up and down our streets it is much more bearable and I can really tell the difference that the spray has worked and killed off many of the mosquitoes. I feel safe and secure that the spray is doing its job.

I also have dogs and I have to make sure they have doctor prescribed mosquito repellent on them during the spring/summer time. My dogs are like family and I would be devastated if they were to get bitten and die due to a mosquito bite.

Another hobby of mine is fishing and that is another reason I chose to live here. I fish on all the local lakes and ponds. I spend money purchasing fishing license, fishing derby tickets, poker runs, etc., all helping our local tourism dollars. I eat at the local restaurants and like sitting outside on their decks to enjoy the meal, company, and view. If we didn't have the mosquitoes sprayed, there would be no outside seating available.

I golf at the local golf courses which surround me: Potholes Golf Course, Warden Golf Course, Royal City Golf Course and the Moses Pointe Golf Course. If spraying is eliminated, I believe the golf course businesses will be affected.

Another hobby and passion of mine is yard work. In my spare time, I am always working in my yard which encompasses two county lots. If the mosquitoes are not kept under control, I cannot be outside to work in my yard.

We live in an area where water skiing, boating, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, camping, etc. is a luxury. In Eastern Washington, we have many days of sunshine which bring in tourism dollars because of all these activities. It would be a shame to have to eliminate many of these which would ruin our local economy due to the lack of spraying mosquitoes.

I do not believe the Department of Ecology understands the impact due to the lack of mosquito spraying will cause to our area. I believe this is a mistake and this decision needs to be rethought.

Please DO NOT stop aquatic mosquito control in our area. I am against this decision and my vote is to continue aquatic mosquito control throughout our county and state.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

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