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Good Morning,

It has come to my attention that there is a draft permit proposing to cease/limit spraying for adult mosquitoes. It is my understanding that the purpose of this draft is to prevent the spray from entering into the "water of the state" with the hope that, by not spraying, aquatic life in Moses Lake would be healthful. I know it is the job of the Department of Ecology to comply to certain laws and to consider aquatic and marine health, however, I don't think that it should be at the cost of human health.

Currently, Moses Lake sprays for both adult mosquitoes and mosquito larva and we already have issues throughout early spring, summer and early fall. Last summer, my co-worker and friends were ferociously chewed on by mosquitoes - my co-worker contracted Cellulitis from a mosquito "bite" and another friend was chewed on so voraciously she looked diseased (and both were using bug spray). It is March 11, 2010, and already if you go to the lake at dusk you can see the black wall of mosquitoes; if you only spray for half of the population of mosquitoes, not only will we be overrun with these creatures, but you will have given them plenty of time to incubate disease and spread it through the population - by the time any one reports a mosquito-related illness we could have some type of epidemic at hand.

Besides the health factor, *which is huge*, you should also consider the toll this will take on outdoor activities and tourism; no one, let me repeat no one, wants to be eaten alive by mosquitoes. Businesses will be affected if tourists leave due to bug bites. Additionally, tourists aren't likely to return to a place overrun by creatures that can cause disease and make life in general miserable. People in the community will also be less likely to go out and enjoy the outdoors -which is one of the draws to Moses Lake.

I don't want to take up too much of your time, however after I heard about this I was compelled to say something; I am a tax-paying citizen - I pay A LOT of money in taxes both to the federal government and the city government in order to help insure that certain things beyond my scope are taken care of: roads, schools, etc, *and insect control*. Logically speaking, if you allow this draft permit through and don't make any changes, you are allowing the existence of a disease-spreading swarm which will affect the health, tourism, financial well-being of businesses, and the over-all quality of life of the people of Moses Lake (not to mention the cost of any potential law-suits). I don't think that I would be able to remain in a city or state that would place the importance of a few fish above the protecting its human population from being overrun with disease-carrying insects.

I appreciate you taking the time and allowing me to voice some of my concerns.

Thank you,

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