

**RESOLUTION OF MANASTASH STEERING COMMITTEE REGARDING  
MANASTASH CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT INSTREAM FLOW  
ENHANCEMENT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

**Whereas**, the Manastash Creek Restoration will be implemented by the Manastash Creek Steering Committee with assistance from the Kittitas County Conservation District (KCCD).

**Whereas**, the Manastash Steering Committee was formed in 2001 and consists of representatives of the Manastash Water Ditch Association (MWDA), and representatives of the largest water users on Keach Ditch, Jensen Ditch, Hatfield Ditch, Reed Ditch, Anderson Diversion and Barnes Road Diversion, as well as the Washington Department of Ecology, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, Washington Environmental Council, and the Yakama Nation.

**Whereas**, the Washington State Legislature appropriated \$2.24 million dollars for construction of fish screens and fish passage structures at the Manastash Creek diversions. In addition to those funds, the Bonneville Power Administration awarded \$1.4 million to the Manastash Project through an application submitted by the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife in 2002. Both of these funding sources were provided to construct fish screen and fish passage facilities.

**Whereas**, the current plan for implementation of fish screen and fish passage facilities includes consolidating the Reed Ditch, Anderson Diversion and Hatfield Ditch diversions to the MWDA diversion site. The Keach-Jensen and Barnes Road diversions will be screened at their present locations.

**Whereas**, the water right owners on the Hatfield Ditch, Reed Ditch and Anderson diversions have submitted applications to the Department of Ecology to change their points of diversion to the MWDA diversion.

**Whereas**, in connection with the change applications, the members of the Manastash Steering Committee have developed the "Manastash Creek Restoration Project Instream Flow Enhancement Implementation Plan," a two stage plan for improvements to instream flow conditions in Manastash Creek.

**Whereas**, the first stage of the plan addresses the 3,950 foot reach between the Reed Ditch diversion and the Manastash Water Ditch Association (MWDA) diversion that is most significantly impacted by the proposed consolidation. The objective of this stage is to provide 6 cfs (before pro-rationing) of water rights for instream flow in addition to existing instream conveyance losses measured between MWDA and the Reed and Anderson diversions under current irrigation practices.

**Whereas**, projects to achieve the above instream flow goal will be implemented concurrent with or immediately after construction of the fish screen and fish passage facilities.

**Whereas**, the second stage of the plan will be a long term effort to work toward the goal of perennial flow in the entire lower six miles of Manastash Creek. This stage will require continuing involvement and good faith efforts by all members of the Manastash Steering Committee to find and develop projects, secure funding, and implement projects.

**Whereas**, the second stage will reach a conclusion only when there is a consensus of the Manastash Steering Committee that all reasonable options have been implemented.

**Whereas**, the provisions of Manastash Creek Restoration Project Instream Flow Enhancement Implementation Plan are intended by the Manastash Steering Committee to serve as recommendations for water right holders to use as conditions submitted by each of the individuals in their change applications to the Department of Ecology.

**Whereas**, nothing in the Manastash Creek Restoration Project Instream Flow Enhancement Implementation Plan is intended or shall be construed to affect, waive, abrogate, diminish or define any existing water rights, including but not limited to the rights of the Yakama Nation.

**Now, therefore be it resolved**, that the members of Manastash Steering Committee agree that the Manastash Creek Restoration Project Instream Flow Enhancement Implementation Plan addresses their outstanding concerns about flow levels in Manastash Creek to the extent that implementation of the fish screen and fish passage measures in the Manastash Creek Restoration Project can proceed.

**And, may it be further resolved**, that all members of the Manastash Steering Committee will work in good faith to implement both stages of the Manastash Creek Restoration Project Instream Flow Enhancement Implementation Plan.

**And, may it be further resolved**, that no member of the Manastash Steering Committee will oppose the approval of pending applications submitted by the water right owners on the Hatfield Ditch, Reed Ditch and Anderson diversions, provided that the provisions of the Manastash Creek Restoration Project Instream Flow Enhancement Implementation Plan are included in the approved certificates of change as conditions for the operation of the consolidated diversion.

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