

Phil Anderson, Director
WA Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Mr. Anderson;

This letter is in complete support of the Fish and Wildlife proposed acquisition of three parcels of land from the Kroupa Family along the Kettle River and above Toroda Creek in Ferry County.

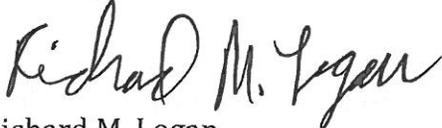
As an owner of 42 acres adjacent to the 50-acre northern Kettle River parcel, I will be most impacted by this sale as a landowner. We own the acreage directly across the county road from the entrance to this property. We also realize that in the short term there will likely be more public use of this area than we have now and that trash and other public access problems will be added to the area.

With this in mind, we absolutely support this acquisition for the future of the public and for our own property values that will be enhanced by this acquisition. We know from personal experience, that this is a special place for wildlife, yet opening it to the public rather than having it sold for development, which is the most likely alternative, is a much-preferred option. Guaranteeing public access to the Kettle River directly across the road from our property will enhance our property values, as it will guarantee river access to future owners and us.

Day use only for the river properties and the enhanced access to hunting on the Toroda creek property will allow enhanced wildlife habitat in the future along with assuring public protection and support for these properties. Without this protection, the land will likely be developed into small parcels with large private owners or housing development of multiple 2-5 acre parcels that will devastate the wildlife or lock out the access we and the public have at this time.

Please find the courage to invest in this property for the public and the future of wildlife along the Kettle River.

Sincerely;



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