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Hello –

I am writing on behalf of Conservation Northwest and our members and supporters to support the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife 2014 Lands Acquisition Proposals. <http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/acquisitions/>

In particular, we want to reiterate our support for two proposals. The proposal to protect high quality shrub-steppe habitat in the Tunk Valley in Okanogan County with conservation easements will benefit Washington's sharp-tailed grouse populations and many other species that rely on shrub-steppe habitat. Securing easements on property adjacent to state and federal lands increases conservation value of the easement acquisition.

The Kettle River Corridor in Ferry County is another worthy project. The acquisition and easement will conserve valuable old-growth forest and riparian habitat along the Kettle River that supports a wide diversity of wildlife, and provides additional recreation access to the river.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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