



April 12, 2021

Kristin Bail, Forest Supervisor
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
215 Melody Lane
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Re: Draft Collaborative Engagement Agreement for the Chumstick to Lower Peshastin (LP) Restoration Project

Dear Supervisor Bail,

This letter is a request from the North Central Washington Forest Health Collaborative (NCWFHC) to the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest (OWNF) to jointly develop a collaborative engagement Agreement for the Chumstick to Lower Peshastin Restoration Project (Chumstick-to-LP). We believe there is a need to create a well-defined project-level Agreement (see attached working draft Agreement Matrix) to help us support the work of NEPA contractors and District staff.

We ask that the OWNF leadership consider and respond to the attached working draft Chumstick-to-LP Agreement (matrix), which is built from the 12 Touchpoints identified in the proposed draft NCWFHC-OWNF collaborative engagement Framework. The Chumstick-to-LP Agreement is provided as a visual to demonstrate potential project collaboration touchpoints, including scheduling and the desired amount and intensity of pre-NEPA collaboration. Interested NCWFHC members and Project Work Group participants will be most involved with development of this and other project Agreements.

Given that District leadership and staff will have the best sense for Touchpoints and timing, we will be requesting further discussion with District staff to refine this initial draft Agreement. Please respond with any ideas, concerns, or recommended adjustments the leadership team identifies to improve this initial draft project-level Agreement. We look forward to setting up a follow-up discussion among NWFHC/ Projects Work Group participants and appropriate OWNF SO and WRRD staff to share ideas and advance this important Agreement and help streamline the Chumstick-to-LP project.

Sincerely,

Chris Branch, Okanogan County
NCWFHC Co-Chair

Mike Anderson, The Wilderness Society
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