

**Appendix A**  
**Correspondence and Consultation**



**FEMA**

Dear Interested Party

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing to support the Westport Water Association (Westport) by providing partial funding for an alternate project to expand an existing domestic water supply system in Clatsop County, Oregon. Severe storms in the region in December 2007 caused extensive flooding, landslides, and mudslides. A presidential disaster was declared in the region on December 8, 2007, making funds available to public entities for damage repairs.

The purpose of the proposed alternate project is to provide FEMA Public Assistance funding to the Westport Water Association to construct and operate new water supply connections to existing water supply facilities currently owned by the neighboring Wauna Water District (Wauna). Westport has a need to provide domestic water supply to approximately 250 households in Westport, Oregon.

The December 2007 storms caused extensive flooding along West Creek, which eroded approximately 400 linear feet 20 to 30 feet deep of an access road to Westport's existing 150,000-gallon water supply reservoir (see the attached Vicinity Map). The landslides damaged a water pipeline that connected the water supply reservoir to the Westport water tank. The existing reservoir is located in the Plympton Creek Watershed in the Lower Columbia-Clatskanie Sub-Basin of the Lower Columbia Basin. The access road and water pipeline are currently closed because of the damage, rendering the water supply reservoir unusable. In the interim, Westport has been receiving water through a temporary emergency intertie between Wauna, Oregon, and the town of Westport.

Engineering estimates indicate that restoring the damaged access road and associated water supply facilities is not in the public interest, primarily because of both cost and technical feasibility considerations. Therefore, Westport (the Applicant) is proposing an alternate project to FEMA. The alternate project is for the Applicant to share the Wauna Water District's existing water rights to two existing water supply springs in the project area – Peterson and Knapp Springs. In April 2009, Westport and Wauna signed a merger agreement. As part of the project, Westport would redevelop and construct water quality upgrades to the existing Wauna water supply system. System upgrades currently proposed as part of the alternate project include constructing new and upgrading existing access roads and redeveloping existing facilities at both Knapp and Peterson Springs. Knapp Springs is located on private land. At Knapp Springs, specific upgrades include the following:

- Facility upgrades to existing junction box and spring collector box
- Installation of approximately 400 linear feet of 3-inch diameter PVC water outlet pipe, and associated sensor cable and power conduit
- Installation of new water lines at the existing Wauna reservoir
- Installation of approximately 80 linear feet of new fencing for security

Peterson Springs is located on Clatsop State Forest land, managed by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). At Peterson Springs, specific upgrades include the following:

- Facility upgrades to existing junction box and spring intake box
- Replacement of approximately 60 linear feet of existing outlet pipe and connection to existing PVC pipe

- Installation of approximately 97 linear feet of new fencing for security

The engineering design of the new water supply connections is currently being developed and refined. There may be deviations to the design depending on comments and other alternatives identified through the scoping process or the environmental review process.

Wauna has existing water rights to both of the existing springs, which are located approximately 1.9 miles northwest of Westport's damaged existing water supply location. The existing water rights are adequate to supply the water supply needs of both Wauna and Westport. Implementation of the alternate project would enable the two neighboring water districts (now merged) to share existing and proposed facilities, as well as associated administrative and maintenance responsibilities.

### **The Scoping Process**

The purpose of this notice is to invite you to participate in the "scoping process" by reviewing the initial proposal as outlined in this letter and providing comments to support the development of an Environmental Assessment (EA). The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires FEMA to evaluate the impacts of this proposed action on the human and natural environments. FEMA intends to prepare an EA for the alternative project. We are asking your assistance to identify the scope of issues and concerns to be addressed in the analysis, develop alternatives to the proposed action, and identify potential impacts of implementing the project.

Please submit your written comments on this proposal (or, if you represent an agency, a written confirmation of receipt of this notice stating that your agency has no comments to contribute) to FEMA's consultant:

Jan Mulder, EDAW AECOM  
710 Second Avenue, Suite 1000  
Seattle WA, 98104  
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Comments must be received by October 1, 2009.

If you have questions about this letter, the project, or if you want to receive a copy of the Draft EA document for review and comment when it is released later during the public involvement process, please feel free to contact Jerry Creek, Environmental Specialist via email ([jerry.creek@dhs.gov](mailto:jerry.creek@dhs.gov)) or phone (425-482-3719) or me via email ([mark.eberlein@dhs.gov](mailto:mark.eberlein@dhs.gov)) or phone (425-487-4735).

Sincerely,



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Regional Environmental Officer  
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Enclosure: Project Vicinity Map  
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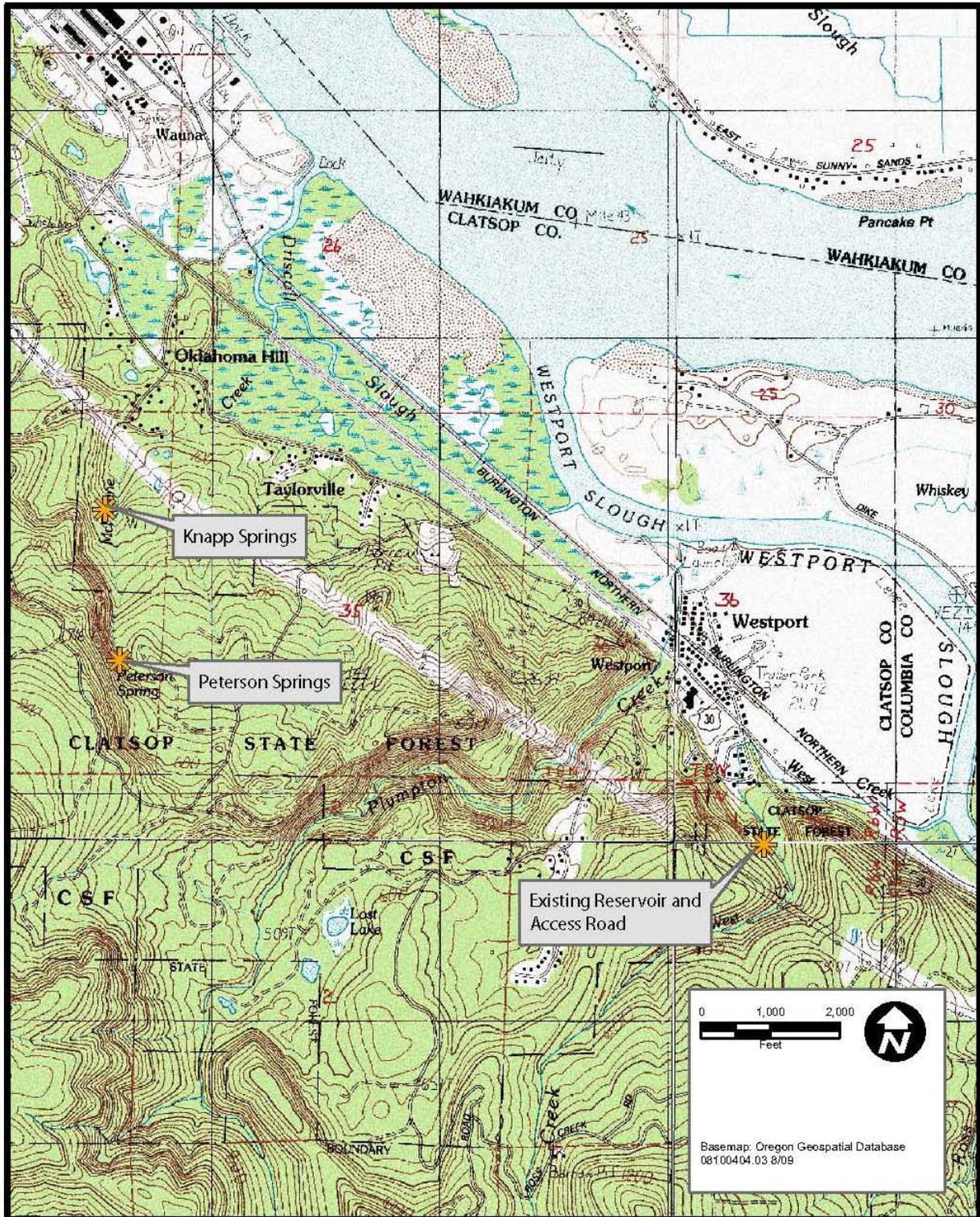
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Vicinity Map

Westport Water Association  
 Wauna Water District  
 Westport Water Supply Project

From: Dennis Griffin [mailto:dennis.griffin@state.or.us]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 3:23 PM  
To: Mulder, Jan  
Subject: Re: FEMA Scoping Notice - Westport Water Supply Project

Jan,

In looking at the attached announcement there is insufficient information for our office to complete a review of any proposed project. I can find no legal description for where the project is to take place, no map of the area, nor a good description of where particular components of the project will take place (e.g., new water line). Could you provide us with additional information so that we can complete a review of the proposed project?

\ Dennis /

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**To:** Mulder, Jan  
**Subject:** RE: FEMA Scoping Notice - Westport Water Supply Project

Jan,

There are no obvious concerns regarding RCRA for this project. If the project does run into any historic contamination onsite, TCLP testing should be done to assure the contaminants are not hazardous.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. David Kunz

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 02, 2009 4:11 PM  
**To:** Mulder, Jan  
**Subject:** comments on Westport project

Hello

The Solid Waste Program at DEQ would simply like to note that if contaminated soil is encountered during excavation that DEQ should be contacted if the project managers wish to dispose of the soil anywhere other than a permitted landfill. A permit or letter of authorization might be required.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 02, 2009 9:37 AM  
**To:** Mulder, Jan  
**Subject:** FEMA Scoping Notice - Westport Water Supply Project

Dear Jan,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the attached notice concerning the Westport Water Association in Westport, OR. The proposed project falls outside of the Coquille Indian Tribe's area of interest; please defer all tribal comments to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, and any other tribes that may have interest in the Westport area. Thank you again and good luck with your scoping process.

Respectfully,



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10 December, 2009

Mr. Eirik Thorsgard  
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**Re: Westport Water Supply Project: Cultural Resources Investigations**

Dear Mr. Thorsgard:

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If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact me at my office via email at [brian.ludwig@aecom.com](mailto:brian.ludwig@aecom.com) or by phone at 916-414-5886. I look forward to hearing from soon and hope we will have the opportunity to work together on this project.

Sincerely,

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Senior Archaeologist



10 December, 2009

Mr. Robert Kentta  
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Siletz, OR 97380

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