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Subject: LRN2024-0004/SEP2018-00006 – Williamson (Miocene Resources, LLC)

Dear Phil Hoge:

This is follow-up to the letter from Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on this subject dated May 28, 2024.

After considering DNR concerns expressed in our previous letter, the proponent has expressed willingness to work with DNR to maintain Mud Lake Road through their Horseshoe Bend Quarry mining area with relatively minor realignment. Realignment would be provided through horizontal shifts into the hill at its present elevation as their mining progresses, per DNR suggestion. Interruptions to access would be minimal and coordinated between the parties. Any necessary realignment will need to maintain the road in a safe and usable condition for DNR land management, including haul of timber, meeting Forest Practices standards and DNR's current Forest Roads Guidebook requirements for a Single Lane Mainline. DNR is agreeable to such a potential realignment of Mud Lake Road.

Since Mud Lake Road will continue through its existing alignment at each end of its passage through the Horseshoe Bend Quarry mining area, it will need to be maintained open, safe and usable, as described above for DNR land management activities, over its existing route or acceptable relocation through the proposed Mineral Resource Overlay area of 186 acres adjacent to and east of the Horseshoe Bend Quarry, down to its junction with SR 410. Expansion of mining into the proposed MRO would likely require one or more relocations of Mud Lake Road within the MRO. Such relocation fully within the MRO appears feasible. DNR will reasonably cooperate and coordinate with the proponent as necessary for such potential relocation of Mud Lake Road.

Please contact me with questions at (509) 571-0279 or Stephanie.Margheim@dnr.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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