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Peter Donaldson

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Subject: Watershed Legacy proposal to BPA

Dear Peter:

I have been an Open Space Practitioner for over five years and in those five years I have become a true believer in Open Space. It is the only vehicle out there today that guarantees people of differing viewpoints a way to communicate when trying to settle those differences.

When dealing with the complex solutions with the ESA, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act and Super Fund Cleanup, Open Space gives participants a place to be heard and to listen to the other sides viewpoints. All other forms of settling these different viewpoints leave out the ability to be heard and to listen. You are either a talker or a listen, but not both. I have seen Open Space work and it would be nice to see Watershed Legacy put it into practice so more people could experience Open Space and be allowed to see how well it works.

Respectfully:

James M. Burns

Walla Walla River Basin Council

Landowner/Irrigator/Land Investor/Developer

Bull Trout Recovery Team, Walla Walla River

Open Space Practitioner

Planning Commission: M-F 8yrs, Umatilla Cty 12yrs