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Mr. Thomas Ferns
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RE: Wahluke Slope

Dear Mr. Ferns:

Although I currently reside in Spokane, I lived in Benton County for more than 30 years. I strongly support federal protection of the Hanford Reach as a wildlife/natural area, to include the Wahluke Slope. Any arrangement which would allow agricultural development of any part of the Wahluke Slope would ultimately damage the White Bluffs area. Irrigation further distant has already caused problems.

Agri-business is already the major industry of that part of the state, the Hanford operation notwithstanding. Sufficient land is already being farmed-more is not needed. Please protect the Reach and the Slope.

Sincerely,
Marian E. Henning