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SUBJECT: A letter for your review prior to the upcoming
meeting. Do we need program manager types to sign it?

maybe we could sign it ourselves. See ya Thursday! Liz
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Dear Dr. McLinden:

The Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council (NRTC) has recently been informed of your contract with Bechtel to develop a literature review and guidelines on restoration and revegetation at Hanford. This is an important topic for the NRTC, as well. The purpose of this letter is to introduce ourselves and explore options to coordinate with you.

The NRTC is a group of agencies and tribes working together under CERCLA and other regulations and mandates to address natural resource issues at Hanford. We include representatives from the U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Washington Department of Ecology, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Department of Energy, Yakama Indian Nation, Nez Perce Tribe, and Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. While we may eventually assess injuries to natural resources from releases of hazardous substances under CERCLA, our current purpose is to provide recommendations to the U.S. Department of Energy which will help to avoid, minimize, or compensate for injuries to natural resources proactively during the ongoing cleanup activities. Thus, effective compensatory natural resource restoration is one of our most important tools. We have included our Core Values Statement, which will further inform you of our perspective.

The NRTC is very interested in your work restoring desert communities, and in the guidelines you are developing for Hanford. It is our understanding that you will be in Washington during March. We would like to meet with you at that time to become familiar with each other's work and to explore avenues of coordination. Please contact our U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service representative, Liz Block (509-765-6125), to discuss meeting times and places. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council

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