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Dear Mr. Ferns,

Washington Native Plant Society is pleased to learn of DOE's Revised Draft Hanford Remedial Action Environmental Impact Statement and Comprehensive Land Use Plan (HRA EIS). We commend and support DOE's preferred alternative plan which would designate the vast majority of the Wahluke Slope for preservation. In addition, due to the incredible natural resources known to exist on public lands on the Wahluke Slope, the Hanford Reach and its islands, the McGee Ranch and the Arid Lands Ecology Reserve, we encourage these areas to be designated as a National Wildlife Refuge to be enjoyed and valued for generations. To expedite protection of these areas, we encourage a separate Record of Decision (ROD) be implemented for all these areas such that protection does not have to wait for clean-up in the central Hanford area.

Thank you for your time and effort with this matter.

Sincerely,

Diane Ackerman,
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