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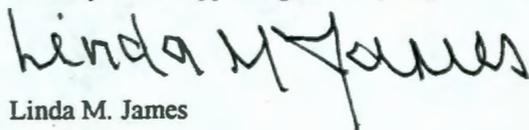
RE: 'The Hanford Site'

Please protect the ecologically significant lands at Handformd, as this site is one of the last places in eastern Wahsington that supports large areas of native shrub-steppe vegetation and the related wildlife.

There should be no agriculture, commerical mining or livestock grazing permitted in this area. This will help ensure long term protection for native ecosystems.

Separate decisions should be made for the Wahluke Slpe, the Hanford Reach and the Columbia River Islands. These DOE lands areound the Hanford area will provide a large and continuous area of protected habitat lands around Hanford.

Thank you for supporting this very important eco-system.



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