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BY:

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Clerk of the Board  
Ferry County  
290 E. Tessie Avenue  
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Re: Public Records Request

Dear Ms. Osterberg:

We represent the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation (Tribes). On the Tribes' behalf and pursuant to RCW Chapter 42.17, we respectfully request any and all documents, records or materials, including electronic or e-mail communications within the possession, custody or control of Ferry County during the period of time from January 1, 2000 to the date of your receipt of this letter which refer, relate or pertain to the following:

- All documents from, to, or referencing Teck Cominco America, Inc. with regard to Lake Roosevelt and/or the Upper Columbia River Basin; and
- All documents from, to, or referencing Teck Cominco Metals Ltd. with regard to Lake Roosevelt and/or the Upper Columbia River Basin.
- All documents from, to, or referencing the Upper Columbia Working Group for Responsible Stewardship (now known as the Eastern Washington Council of Governments).

As required by RCW Chapter 42.17.320, we would appreciate your response to this request within five (5) business days. If any part of this request is denied, please list the specific exemptions which are claimed for withholding information along with an identification of the records being withheld. If some but not all records are being withheld

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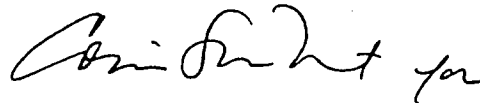
as exempt, please provide all nonexempt portions which are reasonably segregable. If we do not receive a response within the time required by the statute, we will treat this request as denied and proceed accordingly.

We respectfully request that Ferry County waive all search fees and copy expenses associated with this request. This request is being made on behalf of a federally recognized Tribal government and the materials requested will be used for official government purposes.

It is not our intent to impose an unnecessary administrative burden upon you or your staff. We would be pleased to work with you to explain or reformulate this request as necessary to comply with its terms. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (206) 682-3333.

Very truly yours,

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