



**Northwest Ecological Services, LLC**

## **M E M O R A D U M**

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To: Mark Johnson, ESA Adolfson  
CC: Dannon C. Traxler, Langabeer & Tull, P.S.  
From: Vikki Jackson, PWS, Northwest Ecological Services, LLC  
Date: May 13, 2009  
RE: Fairhaven Highlands DOE Wetland Categories

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Some wetland Categories within the Plant and Animal EIS technical report differ from those presented in the original delineation produced by Northwest Ecological Services, LLC (NES) in 2005 and with the Categories presented in the NES Memo December 11, 2008. In finalizing the EIS material for this project NES collected all the available data and reviewed the DOE Wetland Rating forms for all site wetlands to integrate the most current data and recent guidance by the Department of Ecology. We used the most current data available on soils, hydrology, forest age and connectivity to complete the most recent Wetland Rating forms. Wetlands CC and JJ2 changed from Category II wetlands to Category I wetlands due to the presence of sufficient trees within the wetlands that meet the PHS definition of Mature Forest. Wetland FF and KK are still being reviewed regarding their status as Mature Forest Wetland. Wetlands AX and JJ1 has small changes in total points the wetlands received but it did not result in changes to the Category of either of these wetlands. The revised Rating Forms have been submitted for your review. Feel free to contact me with any questions at 360.734.9484.