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Mike Marchand, Chair
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RE: Redesignation of the Kalispel Indian Reservation as a Class I Area

Dear Chairman Marchand:

The Kalispel Tribe has a sovereign interest in protecting air quality on our Reservation for the health and well being of our people and natural resources. In order to advance this sovereign interest, the Kalispel Tribe has decided to exercise our authority under the Clean Air Act to redesignate the lands within the exterior boundaries of the Kalispel Indian Reservation near Usk, WA as a Class I area under the Act's Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) program. The purpose of this letter is to invite the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation to consult with us on this matter if you have any questions or concerns.

As detailed in the Technical Report commissioned by the Kalispel Tribe to evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed redesignation, upgrading the Reservation from a Class II to a Class I PSD area would provide much better protection for Reservation air quality without harming the regional economy. The Technical Report concludes that redesignation would benefit Kalispel people and the surrounding community by:

- Reducing future health problems related to degrading air quality
- Better protecting natural resources from problems caused by air pollution
- Making it safer for people to use and consume natural resources
- Better protecting visibility in the Pend Oreille Valley
- Enhancing worker productivity, property values, and quality of life

The Technical Report also concludes that redesignation will have no effect on existing industrial facilities, is unlikely to adversely affect future economic development based on the types of economic activity that are currently driving the economy in Pend Oreille, Stevens, and Spokane County, and is unlikely to adversely affect reasonably foreseeable energy development on and near the Reservation.

If the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation are interested in consulting with us on this matter, please contact me at your earliest convenience to schedule a meeting.

Regards,

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