

PROJECT SUMMARY

Name of Landowner: Avista

Property Description: 110 +/- acres near Sacheen Lake in Pend Oreille County

Objectives:

- protect from any development and subdivision
- no home sites or commercial or industrial uses
- protect key wetlands, wildlife habitat and Little Spokane River corridor
- Allow very limited forest thinning and management as needed to maintain a healthy diverse forest/wetland complex
- comply with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission mitigation requirements

Property Facts:

- Contains over a half mile of the Little Spokane River west branch to the centerline
- land use – 51 acres wetlands, 58 acres uplands
- Property is zoned 40-acre rural, but adjacent lands have been split into 2-acre lots
- Avista bought the land in 2013 to satisfy mitigation requirements related to its hydroelectric dam relicensing

Habitat Types and Land Use:

- Combination of two forested “islands” and some uplands with old-growth forests
- Extensive high-quality wetlands complexes documented by Ducks Unlimited
- Wetlands include emergent and scrub-shrub types, with a little forested
- See details in Mitigation Plan provided by Avista

Special Concerns:

- Surveyor is marking property boundaries with carsonite—this is a good thing.

Plan:

- Land Protection Committee approval sought on May 9, 2017 to pursue the CE
- Do LPC site visit in May or June 2017 with David Armes of Avista
- Avista will need to get its own internal and FERC approvals
- Execute letter of intent in May or June 2017
- INLC to do baseline report in Summer 2017
- Avista to donate \$5000 to the Stewardship Fund at closing
- Bring easement to Craig Trueblood, then INLC board in order to close the easement by 12/31/2017. Recuse Rod Price from INLC board deliberations and decisions.

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- Date Land Protection Cmte approve to proceed 5/9/2017 Board approval _____