

FRIENDS of CLARK COUNTY

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Martha Lentz  
Office of Environmental Assessment  
U.S. EPA, Region 10  
1200 Sixth Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98101

Re: "Sole Source Aquifer" Designation for the Troutdale and Unconsolidated  
Alluvium Aquifer System in Clark County, Washington

Dear Ms. Lentz,

Friends of Clark County (FoCC) is a nonprofit, membership-based organization creating, educating and empowering advocates for smart growth. Our mission is to conserve and protect southwest Washington's quality of life. Our boards and membership include many leaders in our community, current and former county commissioners, and a current state senator.

We are writing to express our support for the designation of the aquifer system that underlies most of Clark County as a "Sole Source Aquifer." This aquifer provides the vast majority of our drinking water as well as supports the streams and wetlands that are a critical part of our local environment.

Clark County is undergoing rapid growth which will impact many aspects of our quality of life. It is our understanding that the designation of a "Sole Source Aquifer" can provide an important review of federally funded projects. It will also help to inform and educate Clark County's citizens and leaders about the importance of groundwater to both our quality of life and the quality of our local environment.

Yours sincerely,

Lora Caine

President

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