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Dear Ute ladies' tresses Subcommittee Members,

Attached is a copy of a letter that Chelan PUD sent out this week to notify some landowners about our upcoming 2013 Ute ladies' tresses monitoring. The letter was sent to landowners who own riverfront property along Rocky Reach Reservoir that was identified as potentially suitable habitat for Ute ladies' tresses.

We did a little recon at known sites this week, we found a few plants, but they we just bolting. Our plan is to get out during the first full week in August (5-9<sup>th</sup>) to monitor the known historic sites and do the new sites (to meet the 5-year requirement) during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in August (19-23<sup>rd</sup>). Please let me know if you are interested in coming out to help us do some monitoring this year. With the wet spring the grasses are doing well and we could use some help searching in all that tall grass. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thanks,

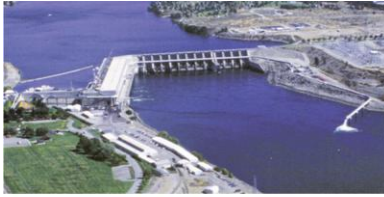
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Dear (landowner),

Natural resource protection and preservation are important to Chelan County PUD. It's not just a requirement for us under our federal license to operate Rocky Reach Dam, but it's also important to our community's quality of life. One species we monitor annually is the rare Ute ladies' tresses. Some areas of the Columbia River shoreline have been identified as habitat for the small native orchid.

We want to let you know your property within the Rocky Reach Hydro Project Boundary potentially includes habitat for the Ute ladies' tresses. As such, we will be monitoring potential habitat for Ute ladies' tresses within the Rocky Reach Project Boundary in late July and August, when the plants are blooming.

Monitoring involves a quick site visit by a PUD employee during normal business hours. The employee may arrive by boat or car, will carry identification and will conduct the required monitoring along the shoreline.

Ute ladies' tresses was listed as Threatened by the United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USF&WS) under the Endangered Species Act in 1992. At that time, it was only known to occur in a few locations in Utah, Nevada, and Colorado. There are only two known populations in Washington State; one of those is in Chelan County.



For more details about the plant, please visit the following web site for the USF&WS:

<http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/species/plants/uteladiestress/> .

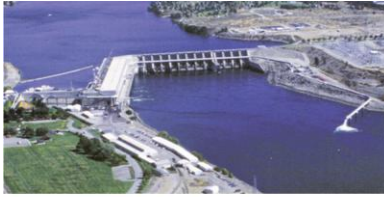
The PUD is also required by its 2009 license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to include this information in its management plan for the Rocky Reach Project. If Ute ladies' tresses plants are found on your property within the Rocky Reach Hydro Project Boundary, we will contact you regarding any potential protection measures.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in helping us meet our obligation to monitor Ute ladies' tresses under the federal license for Rocky Reach Dam.

If you have any questions, please contact the Chelan County PUD Real Estate Department at 661-4743.

Sincerely,

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