

MEMORANDUM

June 9, 1999

To: Bret Cundr'a, Geologist  
From: Neal Hedges, Wildlife Biologist  
Subject: Douglas County Free Use Permit for mining basalt.

I visited the Sachs Quarry, E 1/2 SW Sec. 10, T. 22 N., R. 22 E., W.M. on June 8, 1999. The site consists of quarry areas with exposed basalt talus and low basalt cliff and a reclaimed area which has been reseeded with crested wheatgrass. Straw, used carpet, and carpet pad have been dumped in the quarry. Diffuse knapweed was present in the area affected by vehicle traffic.

The quarry lies at the top of the eastern breaks into Rock Island Creek which contain extensive basalt talus and cliffs as well as good quality, late seral shrub-steppe plant communities. No wildlife species of concern were observed in the quarry and the quarry does not provide significant habitat features which are unique, scarce, or of significant quality for this area.

I therefore believe that reopening the quarry will not affect species of concern. I will let you know if I become aware of significant wildlife issues in the future.

Neal Hedges  
Wenatchee Area Biologist