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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
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10/08/2025
Sam Mundel
Rudio Mountain Ranch LLC
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Dear Mr. Mundel,

The Washington State Department of Ecology has reviewed the application for a determination of Direct Environmental Benefits (DEBS) in the State of Washington submitted by your organization pursuant to WAC 173-446-595(3).

The application, initially dated 5/29/2024 and resubmitted 7/23/2025, provided a detailed report presenting evidence that wildfires in this location in Oregon can impact air quality in Washington state. In addition, the offset project has demonstrated that the offset project's forest management plan will reduce the risk of wildfire at the project site. Therefore, the offset project provides for the reduction or avoidance of air pollutants associated with wildfire smoke that are not credited through the 2015 Compliance Offset Protocol U.S. Forest Projects in the State of Washington, in accordance with WAC 173-446-595(2)(a)(ii).

It is the determination of Ecology staff that the planned Rudio Mountain forest carbon offset project provides DEBS to the state of Washington. This application is approved. Ecology may request information or updates regarding this project's Direct Environmental Benefits in the future, along with or prior to future Offset Project Data Reports.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Jordan Wildish, Senior Environmental at (360) 280-6488 or via email Jordan.wildish@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Jordan Wildish, Offsets and Tribal Grants Unit Supervisor