

WAC 173-517-100 Closures. (1) Based on past and current low flows, ecology has determined that no waters are reliably available for new consumptive uses from the streams and tributaries in WRIA 17 listed in Table 5, with the exception of certain times of year in the Big Quilcene River and Chimacum Creek. Therefore, all surface waters listed in Table 5 are closed to any further consumptive appropriation, except as provided in WAC 173-517-110.

Ecology finds that there is some water available above the in-stream flows at specific locations and times of year in the Big Quilcene River and Chimacum Creek that could be appropriated for storage or other projects that do not require year-round water supplies. These withdrawals require a water right permit from ecology and are subject to the seasonal restrictions in Table 5, the instream flows established in WAC 173-517-090, and the allocation limits defined in WAC 173-517-140.

(2) Closures in subsection (1) of this section include future withdrawals from groundwater that would have an adverse impact on closed surface water, including permit-exempt withdrawals.

(3) Exceptions to the closures are provided in WAC 173-517-110.

**Table 5
Surface Water Closures**

Stream Management Unit Name	Affected Reach	Timing
Big Quilcene River	From mouth to headwaters, including tributaries.	June 16 to November 15
Chimacum Creek	From mouth to headwaters, including tributaries.	March 1 to November 30
Donovan Creek	From mouth to headwaters, including tributaries.	All Year
Howe Creek	From mouth to headwaters, including tributaries.	All Year
Leland Creek	From mouth to headwaters, including tributaries.	All Year
Little Quilcene River	From mouth to headwaters, including tributaries except Leland and Howe creeks.	All Year
Ludlow Creek	From mouth to headwaters, including tributaries.	All Year
Piddling Creek #17.0200	From mouth to headwaters, including tributaries.	All Year

Stream Management Unit Name	Affected Reach	Timing
Salmon Creek	From mouth to headwaters, including tributaries.	All Year
Snow Creek	From mouth to headwaters, including tributaries.	All Year
Spencer Creek	From mouth to headwaters, including tributaries.	All Year
Tarboo Creek	From mouth to headwaters, including tributaries.	All Year
Thorndyke Creek	From mouth to headwaters, including tributaries.	All Year

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 90.54, 90.22, 90.82, 90.03, and 90.44 RCW. WSR 09-24-080 (Order 04-02), § 173-517-100, filed 11/30/09, effective 12/31/09.]