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The Draft Rule Supporting Document (Publication 19-11-093) includes a description of Project ID 8: MAR- North Fork site (page 43). Potential managed aquifer recharge (MAR) project sites have also been identified on the Lower Nooksack, Middle Fork, and South Fork by Ecology's Water Resources Program and others. Our suggestion is to expand the potential sites identified in the Rule Supporting Document for MAR projects to include the South and Middle Forks, as well as the Lower Nooksack. As described in the Draft Rule Supporting Document, MAR projects re-time high-flow season surface water to discharge as groundwater baseflow during the low-flow season. These benefits should not be limited to a potential project in the North Fork.