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communicate with other inmates. Plaintiff is responsible for issuing his own discovery requests; it is not the Court's responsibility. Discovery requests should be sent directly to parties or witnesses and should *not* be filed with the Court. If a defendant or witness does not respond to plaintiff's discovery requests, plaintiff must comply with the requirements of Western District of Washington Local Rule LCR 37 before filing a motion to compel. After defendants file an answer to the operative complaint, the Court will set a deadline for completing discovery. If plaintiff has difficulty conducting discovery due to rules regarding communication with other inmates, he should attempt to resolve this problem directly with counsel for defendants before seeking assistance from the Court.

(3) The Clerk is directed to send copies of this order to the parties and to the Honorable John C. Coughenour.

Dated this 13th day of September, 2018.

AMES P. DONOHUE

United States Magistrate Judge

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