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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA 9 10 DEREK CALDWELL, CASE NO. C14-5827 RBL-JRC 11 Plaintiff, **ORDER** 12 v. 13 GREGORY SCHALLER, BOB WEBER, STAFFORD CREEK MEDICAL 14 FACILITY, NORMAN GOODENOUGH, PAT GLEBE. 15 Defendants. 16 The District Court has referred this 42 U.S.C. § 1983 civil rights action to United States 17 Magistrate Judge J. Richard Creatura pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A) and (B), and local 18 Magistrate Judge Rules MJR1, MJR3 and MJR4. 19 Currently before the Court is plaintiff's motion asking the Court to modify the scheduling 20 order in this action (Dkt. 29). Plaintiff asks for a four month extension of both the discovery and 21 the dispositive motion deadlines (id.). Defendants oppose the motion (Dkt. 31). The Court 22 denies plaintiff's motion based on the procedural history of this case and plaintiff's failure to 23 inform the Court what additional discovery he believes he needs. 24

1 2 his right hip and lower back (Dkt. 20)(amended complaint). Plaintiff filed his action in October of 2014 (Dkt. 1). The Court granted him leave to proceed in forma pauperis and ordered service 3

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of the complaint (Dkt. 5 and 7).

Defendants answered the complaint on November 6, 2014 (Dkt. 10). The Court entered a scheduling order on November 7, 2014 (Dkt. 11). Plaintiff asked the Court for leave to amend his complaint (Dkt. 12). The Court granted plaintiff's motion (Dkt. 19). The Court also addressed plaintiff's request for discovery (id.). Thus, the record shows that plaintiff conducted discovery in this action as early as November 2014 (Dkt. 19).

Plaintiff complains about the medical treatment he has received for an alleged injury to

On December 30, 2014, defendants filed a motion for summary judgment (Dkt. 23). Defendants' motion was originally noted for January 23, 2015 (Dkt. 23). Plaintiff asked the Court for additional time to file a response (Dkt. 27). The Court granted plaintiff's motion and gave him sixty additional days to respond to defendants' motion for summary judgment (Dkt. 30).

Plaintiff now asks the Court for a four month extension of discovery and dispositive motion deadlines (Dkt. 29). Plaintiff states that he intends to file a second amended complaint (Dkt. 29).

Courts "possess broad authority to regulate the conduct of discovery, and their decisions to limit discovery are reviewed for an abuse of discretion." Century 21 Real Estate Corp. v. Sandlin, 846 F.2d 1175, 1181 (citing Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians v. American Mgmt. & Amusement, 824 F.2d 710, 716 (9th Cir.1987)). Plaintiff does not inform the Court what additional discovery he seeks or why amendment of the complaint is needed. Defendants' motion for summary has been pending since December 30, 2014 (Dkt. 23). The

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motion is noted for consideration on April 10, 2015. Plaintiff's response to defendants' motion for summary is due on or before March 27, 2015. Plaintiff has not shown good cause to further delay consideration of defendants' dispositive motion. The Court denies plaintiff's motion. Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2015. J. Richard Creatura United States Magistrate Judge