

Kittitas County Community Development Services

Agenda Staff Report

AGENDA DATE:

12/20/2011

ACTION REQUESTED:

Closed record hearing to consider the Tamarack Valley Rezone (RZ-10-04) and Preliminary Plat (LP-10-03)

BACKGROUND:

Brookside Consulting, agent for the property owner Cooper Pass LLC, have submitted an application for a rezone from Forest and Range to Rural-3 along with a Preliminary Plat to subdivide approximately 18.5 acres into 6-lots. The project is proposed to be served by a Group B Public Water System and individual on-site septic systems.

The property is located north of Misty Mountain Way and south of Storie Lane, Cle Elum, WA in a portion of Section 28, T20N, R14E, WM, in Kittitas County. Assessor's map number: 20-14-28000-0007.

On August 16, 2011 the Board of County Commissioner's conducted a closed record meeting to consider the Hearing Examiner's recommendation on the Vista West Performance Based Cluster Plat (CL-09-01), the Tamarack Valley Rezone (RZ-10-04) and Preliminary Plat (LP-10-03) and the Aspen Grove Preliminary Plat (LP-10-04). The Board came to the consensus to discuss the three applications together since there seemed to be the same issues surrounding them all.

It was moved and seconded to remand the three applications back to the Hearing Examiner to conduct an open record hearing to consider 1) cumulative impacts from the three applications before making his decision, 2) the total combined number of lots, 3) the Long Range Transportation Plan, 4) secondary access, and, 5) the requirements of the International Fire Code.

The Hearing Examiner conducted an open record hearing on October 27, 2011 to consider the remand issues where testimony was heard. On November 10, 2011 the Hearing Examiner issued a recommendation of approval for the Tamarack Valley Rezone (RZ-10-04) and Preliminary Plat (LP-10-03).

INTERACTION:

Kittitas County Hearing Examiner & Community Development Services.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board conduct the closed record hearing as scheduled to consider the Hearing Examiner's recommendation for the Tamarack Valley Rezone (RZ-10-04) and Preliminary Plat (LP-10-03) and direct staff to prepare enabling documents based upon the decision of the Board.

HANDLING:

None.

LEAD STAFF:

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