

EXHIBIT 15

Kittitas County CDS

FOWLER CREEK GUEST RANCH

RESIDENTIAL HABITATS: A UNIQUE AND MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE

Residential habitats will be small structures in natural areas that provide guests of the proposed Fowler Creek Guest Ranch with a unique opportunity to experience nature through innovative lodging including open or enclosed viewing platforms, blinds, small cabins, or shacks. Residential habitats are typically located out of the way and in hidden areas of the Fowler Creek Guest Ranch including but not limited to being nestled into the underbrush, built in a tree, on a constructed platform or deck, or dug into a hillside. While a few are planned to be built within wetland and buffer areas, they will not jeopardize the critical areas. Rather, they are designed to conserve the area as all the habitats will be as unobtrusive as possible. The residential habitats at Fowler Creek Guest Ranch can be used for short stays ranging from an hour to an overnight stay. They are available to existing guests of the ranch who will be able to create reservations through the ranch's website.

There are many benefits to using a residential habitat. Residential habitats offer a variety of benefits for guests, the ranch, and the environment.

- Educational opportunity: Residential habitats can provide guests with an educational opportunity to learn about the plants, birds and animals that live in the area. Guests can learn about the different species of plants and animals, their habitats, and their behaviors. They can also learn about the importance of conservation and how to protect these important habitats.*
- Unique and memorable experience: Residential habitats can provide guests with a unique and memorable experience that they will never forget. Guests can get a sense of what it is like to live in nature and experience the sights, sounds, and smells of the natural world. They can also have the chance to see animals that they might not otherwise see, such as deer, reptiles, birds, and even bears.*
- Increased appreciation for nature: Residential habitats can help guests to appreciate the habitats of other creatures and the importance of protecting these*

types of open spaces. Guests can learn about the importance of conservation and how their actions can impact the environment. They can also see firsthand the impact that human activity can have on wildlife and the natural surrounding area.

- *Promotion of tourism: Residential habitats can be a great way to promote tourism. Guests who have a positive experience at a residential habitat are more likely to return, and they may also recommend the guest ranch to their friends and family. This can lead to increased revenue for the ranch and the surrounding community.*

Overall, residential habitats offer a variety of benefits for guests, the ranch, and the environment. They will be a valuable asset for the proposed Fowler Creek Guest Ranch and will fulfill the goal of providing guests with an educational, memorable, and sustainable experience.

Residential habitats experience may include a variety of activities, including:

- *Wildlife observation: Residential habitats provide guests with a great opportunity to observe wildlife in their natural living space. Guests can see animals that they might not otherwise see, such as deer, reptiles, birds, and even bears.*
- *Sounds of nature: Residential habitats can also be used to experience the sounds of nature. Guests can listen to the chirping of birds, the hooting of owls, and the rustling of leaves as they change throughout the day and night. They can also learn about the different sounds that animals make and what they mean.*
- *Stargazing: Residential habitats are often located in areas with little light pollution, which makes them ideal for stargazing. Guests can enjoy stunning views of the stars, planets, and constellations.*
- *Photography: Residential habitats provide a great backdrop for photography. Guests can capture stunning images of the natural world, from the beauty of the sunrise to the wildlife that calls the area home.*

- *Night photography: Residential habitats can also be used for night photography. Guests can capture amazing images of the night sky and of the nocturnal animals that live in the area.*
- *Meditation: The quiet and peaceful atmosphere of a residential habitat can be ideal for meditation. Guests can relax and clear their minds within nature.*
- *Reading: A residential habitat can be a great place to curl up with a good book. Guests can escape into the world of the book while surrounded by serene Kittitas County land.*
- *Writing: The peace and quiet of a residential habitat can be conducive to writing. Guests can find inspiration in the natural world as they write about their experiences.*
- *Reflection: A residential habitat can be a great place to reflect on life and one's place in the world. Guests can take some time to gain peace and think about their priorities and goals as they experience and connect with nature.*

The residential habitats at Fowler Creek Guest Ranch will be spread throughout the open areas of the guest ranch along trails in a variety of natural areas, including near the wetlands, in meadows, on hillsides, and in the forest. They are all designed to be as small and unobtrusive as possible, so that guests can enjoy the natural beauty of the area without disturbing the wildlife. Through this, they will gain an unforgettable and unique experience and grow a newfound appreciation for the surrounding environment.