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Good morning Rachael,

As always, DNR Southeast Region Forest Practices (SE FP) appreciates the opportunity to review and provide comments on SEPA related matters in Kittitas County. Please accept the comment below, after a cursory review of this project area.

- The project area falls within the I-90 East Spotted Owl Special Emphasis Area (SOSEA), however the parcels in question are noted as having “Non-Habitat, potential for future habitat”. Since this area will become further developed, it is unlikely to ever support Northern Spotted Owl again.
- Future landowners of the proposed lots to be created may be subject to needing an approved Forest Practices Application (FPA), if they own more than 2 contiguous acres and plan to convert a portion of their property to non-forestry (i.e. to build a residence, shop, etc.).
- It appears that the northern half of this project area is already devoid of any forest, however the aforementioned need for a FPA is likely to apply to the southern half of the Long Plat area.
- Future landowners should contact DNR SE FP prior to development, so that a forester may conduct a field review (site assessment), as there are some existing cleared areas that could allow for building a home without conducting any forest practices (i.e. logging, stump pulling, etc.).

If Kittitas County or the project proponents have any questions regarding DNR comments, please contact me and I'd be happy to discuss and help clarify any potential permit needs from our agency.

Best regards,

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