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Jeremiah,

WDFW previously commented on this project, and held a site visit with the applicant and Kittitas County where impacts and stream typing were discussed. If reasonable use is accommodated here, WDFW is not objecting to a potential mitigation plan to ensure no net loss of function to the riparian area yet allow for the building. However, that mitigation plan must consider the various habitat elements of the riparian area such as habitat complexity, mature trees for shade etc.. The mitigation plan talks of replanting and the Sewall report mentions such details as large woody debris and planting of the creek banks, yet no details on where that is occurring or what trees need to be taken out are shown on the included plans. Thus WDFW does not have enough information to determine if this is an acceptable mitigation plan for reasonable use or not to offset its impacts to FWHCA CAO function. We respectfully ask that this decision be tabled until more detailed plans and a site visit to discuss those plans can be worked out between the applicant, Kittitas County and WDFW (who is a technical expert to Kittitas County on the matter of FWHCA). Those details such as trees being removed (and their size) and exactly where these habitat elements to mitigate for the loss are being installed need to be shown in detail.

Thank you. Please have the applicant send us further details and arrange a site visit to discuss those details.

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Good morning,

CDS is requesting comments on the following Reasonable Use application: **RU-22-00001 Ski Acres Estates**. Links to the file materials can be found below. The comment period will end on **Friday April 15, 2022 at 5pm**. CDS will assume your agency does not wish to provide comment if not received by this date. Please let me know if you have any issues accessing the materials.

[RU-22-00001 Ski Acres Estates – Internal](#)

[RU-22-00001 Ski Acres Estates - External](#)

If the links above do not work, please go to the CDS website at <https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/cds/land-use/default.aspx> and navigate to “Reasonable Use” and then the Project File Number “RU-22-00001 Ski Acres Estates”

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