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Subject: RE: RU-22-00001 Ski Acres Estates Site Visit/Detailed Mitigation Plans?
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Ian and Jeremiah,

Sorry to take so long in getting back to you. I was out last week and unfortunately spent most of this week playing catchup (and still working on that). Anyhow, needed to get feedback to you.

My original condition is I thought we could allow some encroachment, but still staying well away from the creek and needing to leave the trees that were contributing shade and other riparian protection, nutrients, runoff etc.. Its hard to tell the "bold trees from the lighter trees". I'm making the assumption that the stars are retained trees and the circles are removed. Many of these trees are much too close to the stream to having any removal, regardless of what mitigation we are putting back. Seedling trees and downed logs function as some habitat, but not nearly what overstory trees do.

I'm happy to look on site, right now the morning of May 9th would be best. If not, that May 17 or 19. I think there needs to be a minimum distance of nothing removed, say 50' and then from 50-150' any trees that are overstory and contributing shade need to be retained and other trees could be offset with riparian enhancements in this blue area.

Maybe I'm still not reading the sheet right and we can look further in May, but a couple of home sites appear to be near 50' from the stream, so how are we going to ensure the homeowner will keep these enhancements in when they are right in their backyard?

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Jeremiah, Scott:

Thank you for the follow up questions on the Ski Acres RUE application. We apologize for the lack of detail in our submitted mitigation plan, but the timing (given existing snow on site) made it difficult to include granular planting detail for the buffer improvement areas. Ed is planning to layer in that detail when the snow melts out enough on site (probably mid May). For now, I am attaching a tree survey we had done after Scott's initial site visit. The bolded trees would be retained and the lighter trees would be removed as part of our grading work. From this, you can get a good sense of where our buffer improvement work would be concentrated (southern portion of lots 10 & 11, where there are currently no trees in the stream buffer) - in addition to other areas where it makes sense.

It's our hope that we could get something on the calendar for Scott and Ed to be on site in early May to finalize a mitigation plan for the development.

Thanks
Ian



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On Fri, Apr 1, 2022 at 10:17 AM Jeremiah Cromie <jeremiah.cromie@co.kittitas.wa.us> wrote:

Dear Mr. Loveless and Mr. Sewall,

Please see the attached comments submitted on 3/31/22 by Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) regarding your reasonable use application.

WDFW is requesting a site visit and detailed mitigation plans for this application. Are there any prepared/in the works detailed plans on location for removal of trees and other things for this project? They also requested a site visit. I am not sure how feasible that is for a few months due to snow cover. Let me know if you have other thoughts on that.

Thank you.

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