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Jeremiah and Eron,

Thank you for meeting with me on site this morning. WDFW agrees there is no typed stream on the property. There is a slight indication of a stream directly south of Pasco Rd. However, the past photos show that it goes dry seasonally and there is no above ground connection to downstream areas. By definition there cannot be an isolated Ns stream, so thus the segment has no typing and is an untyped swale. The residents should still avoid digging or moving the swale.

Thanks for including WDFW.

Scott

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Hello,

I am following up on this reasonable use request (RU-22-00004) as the snow has started melting and am wondering if a site visit can be accommodated for stream typing in the near future or if WDFW received the information they needed to have confirmation on the typing?

Can you let me know. Thanks!

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Good morning Scott,

This is Eron Drew. I was the biologist who visited the site. The photos were taken on 6/2/22. I did not prepare the site plan that was submitted on 11/16/22 but after reviewing it, the channel is in the appropriate location, although the driveway does not extend to the east side of the drainage as it is drawn in on that map. In actuality, the driveway area ends a couple of feet to the west of the drainage.

You won't have to do much work to investigate the channel. To the north of Pasco road it essentially becomes the ditch along the road for collecting stormwater. The ditch only extends laterally a few feet in either direction before petering out. There is no channel on that side of the road extending up the hill. Where it is mapped on the DNR map up the hillslope, there is now a residential driveway.

I walked on that side of the road and could not find anything that appeared to be a channel beyond the roadside ditch. On the day I was at the site, there was standing water in the depression next to the road where the culvert emerges on its south side and a little bit of standing water adjacent to the culvert on the north side of the road, but no water was running in the channel or even through the culvert. The site visit occurred during the tail end of an unusually wet month of rainy weather so I expect that stormwater from the road was the source of the water.

I also investigated the area to the south of the road as a potential small wetland. However, it did not pass the wetland criteria.

There really isn't a very well defined channel at all where the drainage meets the wetland underneath a fir tree. It seems the water probably just disperses on the surface once it reaches the wetland.

Let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thanks,

Eron

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Ryan,

Thanks for those photos of the channel. I don't see a date stamp, can you tell me when the photo of the stream was taken? Can you confirm that the drainage channel in this photo is same location as the updated site plan from 11/16/22? If so, I think the photos would be enough to confirm the channel location, but not enough to confirm typing as we'd need to look up and down the channel for that.

Thanks,

Scott

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Here are photos of where the mapped channel is showing it dry on 6/2/2022. I'll send photos looking where the channel would be in a separate email due to size.

Thanks,

Ryan

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Ryan,

Emailing photos would be fine, but I'm not sure it can take the place of a site visit. If there are photos showing there is no channel where the stream typing shows and then where the stream might be elsewhere, that could be helpful. Depending on what the photos show, it could move it forward without a site visit, TBD.

Thanks,

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We would be glad to attend the meeting on the site to look at the mapped stream location.

Scott: would emailing photos of the dry channel be helpful? I know this typing relies on a lack of surface connection which it is difficult to show photos of something that is not there. We have photos looking out into the wetland were a channel would be if it was present, if those would help.

I'm wondering if there is anything we can do to move this along without having to wait 3 or 4 months.

Thanks,

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Jeremiah,

Thanks. Yes, snow is a current issue with stream typing. We do need to see the ground (mostly free of snow) to do this work, so April would probably be a good time. It's a bit difficult to set a certain date unless we target for later half of April when it should certainly be free. Right now most of April is open, except the last week of April is mostly booked. So, we can either check back in March on snow conditions if we want early April or lock in something now for week of April 17th. I'm fine with either strategy.

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Hello,

After response comments were received from the applicant for the Marlatt Reasonable Use (RU-22-00004), the applicant is willing to set up a meeting with WDFW regarding the stream classification on the property. As such, we would like to set up a joint-site visit at some point in the future with WDFW, the applicant and/or agent and qualified professional to determine whether the stream needs to be classified or not before moving the process along for the Reasonable Use application. Please let us know when good dates for this would be, realizing it may have to be spring once more snow has melted.

Thank you.

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