

EXHIBIT 2

Question #9 Narrative Project Description

Question #9. a. Why is the amendment needed and being proposed?

This amendment is being proposed to create consistency with the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Designations, and the Growth Management Act. Kittitas County, as part of their comprehensive plan compliance effort, created new land use designations to become compliant with the goals of the Growth Management Act. One of those new designations was the Rural Recreational Land Use. This amendment is due to the need for lands to be included into the Rural Recreational Land Use. There are limited areas within Kittitas County that were designated appropriately, and one might say inappropriately designated. For example, one of these areas is the Master Plan Resort, now called Suncadia just west of the City of Cle Elum. This master planned resort with golf courses is just that a Master Plan Resort and is continuously being built out mainly as residential development with golf courses/trails etc. There are other areas along the SR903 corridor that are mainly residential development that contain higher residential uses than recreational uses. You also have land that includes the Snoqualmie ski area, which is appropriately designated as recreational land use. It is also important to note that recreational second homes area are allowed under this land use designation. As you look at the land use map of county and the total acreage of rural recreational lands you will see there is a need for additional lands to be designated with a recreational land use designation along with a rural recreational zone. This proposal fits this needed as it is adjacent to Rural Recreational zoning to the south and to the north, but more importantly this land does not fit the Rural Working Land use designation. This land is not a working farm or forest land. This amendment is 1-2.5 miles away from Snoqualmie Pass (ski areas) and fits in with the recreational nature of hiking, snow shoeing, skiing, mountain biking etc. that occurs in the surrounding area. Also, this proposal contains a recreational element of having streams flowing through it that provides for recreational fishing activities, along with Mardee Lake, hiking, snow shoeing, skiing, mountain biking all that are similar if not the same uses allowed on the surrounding/adjacent lands.

This proposal includes a total of 4 parcels to be designated under the Rural Recreational Land Use Designation. This amendment has a main access point off Exit 54 onto a county owned road which eventually dead ends where the public parks and conducts recreational activities such as hiking snow shoeing etc. There is a forest service road that parallels a portion of the subject property. With regards to the domestic water availability this proposal is within the Snoqualmie Pass Utility Districts water and sewer service area, which just completed their water plan amendment and water right assessments.

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