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RE: SE-24-00013 Horish

Dear Mx. Gasawski:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the driveway proposal with parcels 546534 and 516534 in Section 05, T. 19 N., Range 16 E., W.M.; Kittitas County.

Based on remote review of this parcel(s) it appears that some or all of the parcel(s) consist of forestland, and it will require a Forest Practices Application (FPA) from the DNR if merchantable timber is removed/harvested as part of the proposal and/or is being converted out of forest land (RCW 76.09 and WAC 222). The FPA would need to meet the requirements of the Forest Practices Act and its rules. It is our recommendation that the applicant meet with our local forest practices forester to discuss, they may call our Southeast Region office at (509) 925-8510 to schedule an appointment.

If there are questions regarding our comments, please contact our Region Forest Practices office at the number above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda Moody".

Amanda Moody
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April 9, 2024

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**SUBJECT: WDFW COMMENTS ON RU-24-00001 HORISH REASONABLE USE SV-23-00001
HORISH SHORELINE VARIANCE**

Dear Mr. Gasawski,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Horish Reasonable Use application for the proposed driveway and subsequent future residence on parcel 516534. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) previously provided comments on this project under the Shoreline Variance application (SV-23-00001) which we'd like to incorporate by reference with this letter. The Yakima River is dynamic in this reach with several active side channels and associated wetlands and frequently flooded areas. It's important to recognize these riverine processes to protect them and the functions and values they provide for fish and wildlife in addition to ensuring public safety is considered in and around these Shorelines and Critical Areas.

The Kittitas County Code 17B.01.020 defines the scope and jurisdiction of Shorelines in Kittitas County to include "*all shorelines of the state; upland areas (shorelands) within two hundred (200) feet of the ordinary high water mark of those waters; associated wetlands and river deltas; and floodways and contiguous floodplain areas landward two hundred (200) feet from such floodways.*" The wetlands identified in the critical areas report are directly associated with the Yakima River, a shoreline of statewide significance, and are subject to the Shoreline Master Program. The figure on page 9 of the [Critical Area Report](#) shows Wetland D terminating at the Ordinary High Water Mark of a Type S Water, a side channel of the mainstem Yakima River (Figure 1).

We do not dispute that Wetlands C and D are likely influenced by irrigation practices on the pasture south of them, but they are also hydraulically connected to the mainstem Yakima River as they are relic channel scars within the channel migration zone. These wetlands provide important fish and wildlife habitat as they are directly connected to the Yakima River, just east of the areas shown in the Critical Areas report (Figure 2).

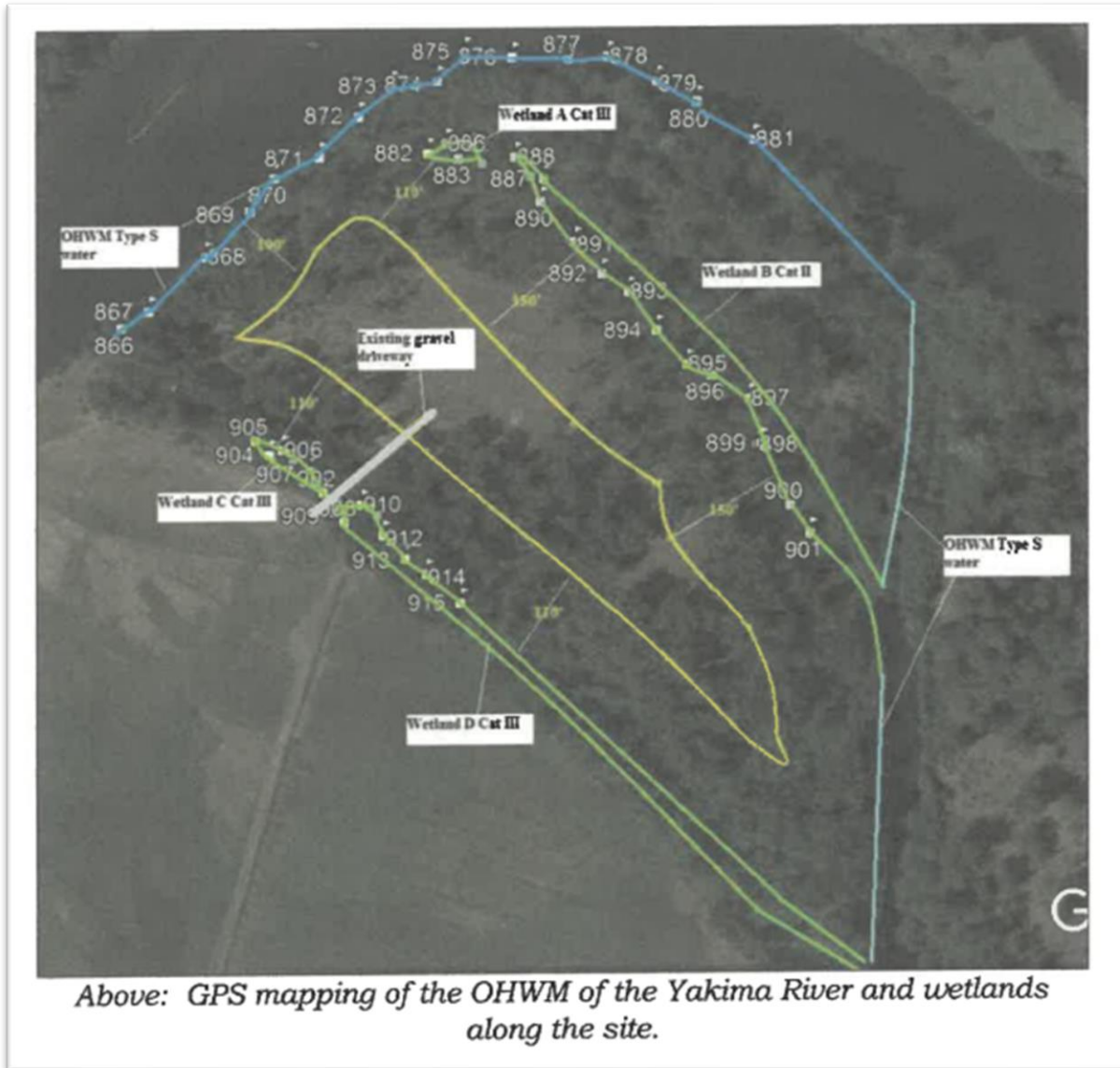


Figure 1: This image comes from Page 9 of the Critical Areas Report submitted with the Horish Reasonable Use application. It clearly shows Wetland D in direct connectivity with the OHWM of a Type S water near the bottom right of this image.

It is our understanding that Ms. Horish recently willingly relocated the existing easement across parcel 546534 to access parcel 516534. The new easement location results in the need for a new driveway that follows the terrace edge of the Yakima River floodplain and its associated side channels and wetlands; thereby creating a need for additional mitigation and potential variances from existing code. The proposed driveway falls within the buffer requirements for the Shoreline Master Program (KCC 17B) as the wetlands are in direct connectivity with side channels of the Yakima River. **The Reasonable Use considerations under the Critical Areas Code (KCC 17A) are helpful for considering impacts, but KCC 17A is not applicable in this location for this project and we recommend reconsideration of the Shoreline Variance as originally proposed.**

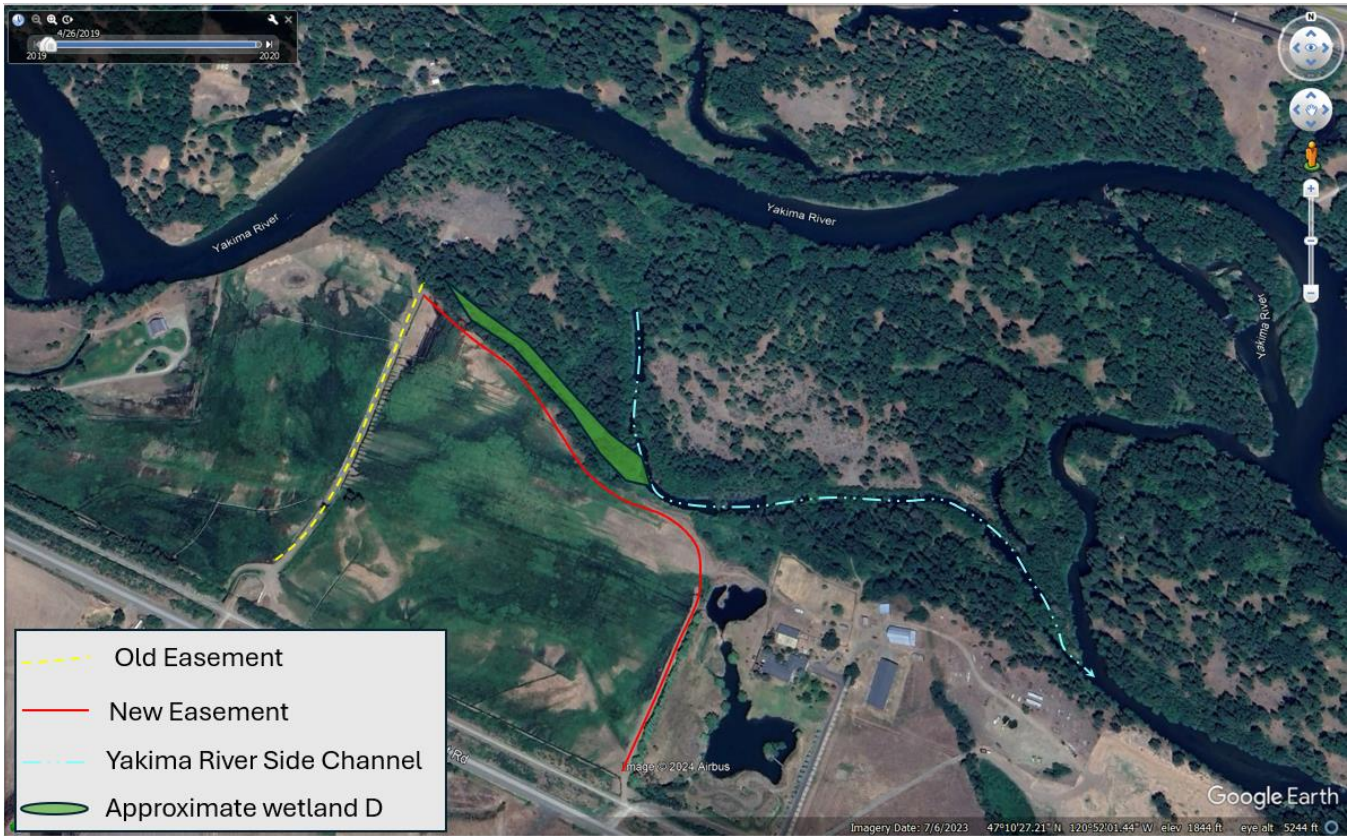


Figure 2. This recent image from Google Earth has been highlighted with the approximate locations of the old easement, the new easement, Wetland D, and a Yakima River Side Channel. It is intended to demonstrate that this wetland is in direct connection with the Yakima River and falls under the Shoreline jurisdiction (KCC 17B) and not the Critical Area jurisdiction (KCC 17A).

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment and for the County’s commitment to protect fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas such as the Yakima River. The Yakima River and its associated floodplain, side channels, wetlands, and riparian forests are of statewide significance and we would be pleased to work together to ensure all potential impacts are appropriately mitigated to protect all Shoreline functions and values for this project. Please let me know if there are any questions about our comments. I can be reached by phone at (509) 961-6639 or email at Jennifer.nelson@dfw.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Nelson
Fish and Wildlife Biologist



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December 19, 2023

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SUBJECT: WDFW COMMENTS ON SV-23-00001 HORISH SHORELINE VARIANCE

Dear Mr. Gasawski,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Horish Shoreline Variance application for the proposed driveway and subsequent future residence on parcel 516534. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is familiar with the project area, we've reviewed the application materials available on file, and we are neighboring landowners along the Yakima River. This project area includes a dynamic and complex reach of the Yakima River that provides critical habitat for anadromous and resident fish as well as other wildlife worthy of protection.

The parcel under review has numerous critical areas within the Shoreline jurisdiction that should be considered. The Yakima River, its side channels, and the riparian habitat along the floodplain are Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas (FWHCA). The river in this location is home to two species listed as threatened by the Endangered Species Act (Mid-Columbia River Steelhead and Columbia River Bull Trout). This is one of the few areas in the mainstem Upper Yakima River with significant steelhead spawning and this reach consistently provides spring chinook salmon and coho salmon spawning and rearing habitat along with other native resident trout and other native species. The large wood and meandering channels create and maintain excellent fish habitat. The very features that create excellent fish habitat can also create dangerous places for people and infrastructure.

This parcel has a very real flood risk as it is within the Yakima River Channel Migration Zone (CMZ). The lidar and imagery show channel scars throughout this parcel and a recent CMZ report for a nearby project clearly confirms the active channel present within this parcel (Figure 1). From the site plan, it is difficult to tell exactly where the driveway and/or home is proposed relative to the southerly side channel of the Yakima River on the parcel. Currently, the river appears to be migrating toward the north, but as part of the active channel migration zone, we can anticipate that the river will return to its southerly alignment at some point (see Figure 2). Planning for this change now will minimize the need for emergency actions in the future. This parcel is mapped as a special flood hazard area by FEMA and flood and/or erosion risks are likely to increase with vegetation clearing and removal to accommodate road construction and home construction.

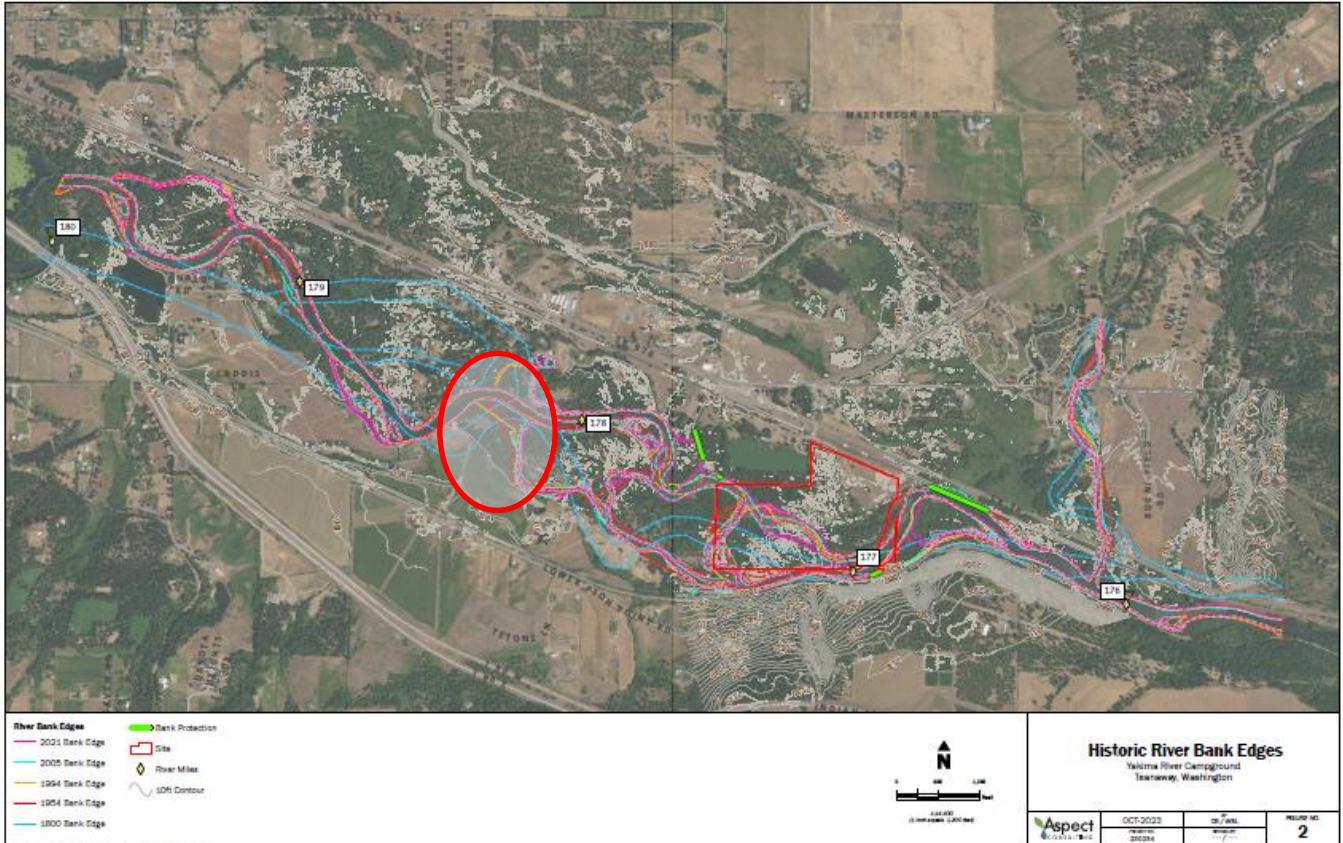


Figure 1. This figure shows the meandering nature of the Yakima River channels in the vicinity of the subject property (red circle). This figure comes from an October 6, 2023 [Memo](#) from Aspect Consulting to the Teanaway Ridge, LLC for RU-23-00001.

Any crossing of the channels or work with that occurs in, over, or near the channels of the Yakima River floodplain is likely to require a Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) permit from WDFW. Information about our permits and processing can be found at this [link](#), or feel free to reach out to us directly.

There does not appear to be adequate information provided about the existing critical areas within the Shoreline jurisdiction, the potential for Channel Migration at the site, or location of proposed structures to properly evaluate the potential impacts to critical areas, including critical habitat for federally threatened steelhead and other important anadromous fish resources. **WDFW recommends a full critical areas report be completed for the project that includes a channel migration study, to better understand the potential impacts to the Shoreline environment and critical areas on the site.**



Figure 2. This is an aerial photo of the project area from August 12, 1954. In this image, the upper extent of the side channel through the property is more visible than in current imagery.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment and for the County's commitment to protect critical areas. Please let me know if there are any questions about our comments. I can be reached by phone at (509) 961-6639 or email at Jennifer.nelson@dfw.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Nelson".

Jennifer Nelson
Fish and Wildlife Biologist

Bradley Gasawski

From: Nelson, Jennifer L (DFW) <Jennifer.Nelson@dfw.wa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 3:01 PM
To: Bradley Gasawski
Subject: RE: SE-24-00013 Horish - Notice of Application
Attachments: WDFW comments Horish Reasonable Use 24-00001.pdf; WDFW comments Horish Shoreline Variance SV-23-00001.pdf

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Hi Bradley,

I've attached our earlier comments on this project for the Shoreline Variance and Reasonable Use applications. As we've stated earlier, WDFW believes this project falls under the Shoreline regulations, and not the critical areas regulations, where the new proposed driveway is adjacent to Wetland D. Additionally, the critical areas report does not adequately address all fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas or Priority Habitats and Species, nor does it address frequently flooded areas or the Channel Migration Zone.

We do not believe adequate mitigation is proposed for the impacts to the wetland buffer within the Shoreline Jurisdiction with construction of the proposed driveway.

We'd be happy to discuss this more with the County and/or proponents of the project.

Thank you,
Jen

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Subject: SE-24-00013 Horish - Notice of Application

External Email

Good Morning,

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Best,
Bradley

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Hi M Gasawski,

WSDOT reviewed the provided documents on 04/15/2024. We have no comments.

Cheers,

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Best,
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From: Connor Armi <connor.armi.hsy@colvilletribes.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 4:06 PM
To: Bradley Gasawski
Cc: Guy Moura; Hanson, Sydney (DAHP)
Subject: Re: SE-24-00013 Horish - Notice of Application

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Hello Bradley,

This will mark the third consultation that I have provided for this ground disturbing activity. I have requested a survey under SV-23-00001, and RU-24-00001. I reiterate that request now, it seems this project continues to move forward without heed to it's potential impact to cultural resources.

Please consider the following.

SEPA regulations concerning responsibility are clear, in this instance it would be the County held responsible for any damage to historic properties.

WAC 197-11-080, specifies if information on significant impacts is not known, agencies shall obtain and include the information in the environmental documents if the costs are not exorbitant. When there are gaps in relevant information or scientific uncertainty concerning significant impacts, agencies must state such information is lacking or that substantial uncertainty exists. If the agency proceeds, it shall indicate in environmental documents its worst case analysis and the likelihood of occurrence.

The THPO considers DAHP the regulatory authority off Indian lands. A DAHP recommendation for cultural resource investigations is viewed by the THPO as a requirement. If such a recommendation is ignored, we recommend the County review RCW 27.53.060 <https://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=27.53.060> and RCW 27.44.040 [https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=27.44.040#:~:text=\(1\)%20Any%20person%20who%20knowingly,20%20RCW](https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=27.44.040#:~:text=(1)%20Any%20person%20who%20knowingly,20%20RCW) for the possible consequences of their actions

RCW 43.21C.020:

(2) In order to carry out the policy set forth in this chapter, it is the continuing responsibility of the state of Washington and all agencies of the state to use all practicable means, consistent with other essential considerations of state policy, to improve and coordinate plans, functions, programs, and resources to the end that the state and its citizens may: ... (d) *Preserve important historic, cultural, and natural aspects of our national heritage* [emphasis added];

SEPA states, the County is obligated to:

Identify and develop methods and procedures, in consultation with the department of ecology and the ecological commission, which will insure that *presently unquantified environmental amenities and values* will be given appropriate consideration in decision making along with economic and technical considerations [RCW 43.21C.030(b); emphasis added];

Sincerely,

Connor Armi | Archaeologist Senior MA, RPA

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On Thu, Apr 11, 2024 at 8:02 AM Bradley Gasawski <bradley.gasawski@co.kittitas.wa.us> wrote:

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KITTITAS COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Staff
FROM: Public Works Plan Review Team
DATE: April 25, 2024
SUBJECT: SE-24-00013 Horish

ACCESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applicant has submitted the required access/address application (AA-22-00233). 2. Maintenance of driveway approaches shall be the responsibility of the owner whose property they serve. The County will not maintain access. 3. In addition to the above-mentioned conditions, all applicable Kittitas County Road Standards apply to this proposal. Access is not guaranteed to any existing or created parcel on this application. (JS)
ENGINEERING	Grading permit application GP-23-00012 has been reviewed and deemed complete. Upon completion of SEPA and Reasonable Use, Public Works will issue the grading permit. (CC)
SURVEY	Any property corners damaged or destroyed by the proposed development shall be reset by a Land Surveyor licensed in the State of Washington. (JT)
TRANSPORTATION CONCURRENCY	No transportation concurrency management application is required for this project. (KAH)
FLOOD	A portion of parcel #546534 is located in the FEMA identified special flood hazard area (100- year floodplain). Based on the site plan, the proposed driveway will be within the 100-year floodplain boundary. All activities within the floodplain require a floodplain development permit and must follow the regulations within KCC 14.08. (SC)
WATER MITIGATION/ METERING	No comments (SC)
AIRPORT	No comments. (JS)

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From: Both, Jason (Parks) <Jason.Both@PARKS.WA.GOV>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 8:47 AM
To: Bradley Gasawski
Cc: Griffith, Scott (PARKS); Graham, Ken (PARKS)
Subject: FW: SE-24-00013 Horish - Notice of Application

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Good morning, Bradley,

I have reviewed the SEPA checklist and associated documents. I have concerns regarding impact to park property and future maintenance requirements with the water conveyance at this location. The landowner has already diverted a flow of water from their property onto state property into existing drainage.

The following are questions/comments received from park staff:

- 1) Have the landowners actions been approved through the Department of Ecology through a water mitigation plan?
- 2) Has the water conveyance been engineered?
- 3) Source of the water and potential future impacts?
- 4) The landowner should have an approved water mitigation plan through the Department of Ecology and the County.
- 5) This has been an ongoing issue with private property owners diverting their water flow onto State Parks property without approval from the Department of Ecology and State Parks.
- 6) The added water flow has caused flooding up against the Palouse to Cascades Trail (PTCT) which has caused erosion of the trail base in certain areas.
- 7) Recommend requiring the landowner to convey the water entirely on private property should the access be approved.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



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Allyson Brooks Ph.D., Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

December 5, 2023

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In future correspondence please refer to:
Project Tracking Code: 2023-12-07861
Property: Kittitas County_Horish Driveway and Residence (SV-23-00001)
Re: Survey Requested

Dear Bradley Gasawski:

Thank you for contacting the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and providing documentation regarding the above referenced project. These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the SHPO in conformance Washington State law. Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised.

Our statewide predictive model indicates that there is a high probability of encountering cultural resources within the proposed project area. This is due, in part, to the proximity of the proposed project area to the Yakima River, a resource known to have been important to both Native Americans and settlers in this area. Further, the scale of the proposed ground disturbing actions would destroy any archaeological resources present. Identification during construction is not a recommended detection method because inadvertent discoveries often result in costly construction delays and damage to the resource. Therefore, we recommend a professional archaeological survey of the project area be conducted and a report be produced prior to ground disturbing activities. This report should meet DAHP's [Standards for Cultural Resource Reporting](#).

We also recommend that any historic buildings or structures (45 years in age or older) located within the project area are evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places on Historic Property Inventory (HPI) forms. We highly encourage the SEPA lead agency to ensure that these evaluations are written by a cultural resource professional meeting the [SOI Professional Qualification Standards in Architectural History](#).

Please note that the recommendations provided in this letter reflect only the opinions of DAHP. Any interested Tribes may have different recommendations. We appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from Tribes or other parties concerning cultural resource issues that you receive.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. Please ensure that the DAHP Project Tracking Number is shared with any hired cultural resource consultants and is attached to any



communications or submitted reports. Please also ensure that any reports, site forms, and/or historic property inventory (HPI) forms are uploaded to WISAARD by the consultant(s).

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sydney Hanson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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