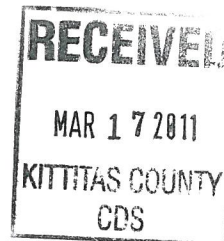




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Jeff Watson
Kittitas County Community Development
411 N. Ruby St., Suite 2
Ellensburg, WA 98926

RE: LEARMONTH (AU-11-00001)

Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Application for the application to construct a 766 square foot one bedroom living quarters. We have reviewed the application and have the following comments.

Water Resources

Any surface water diversion will require application to the Department of Ecology for a water right permit.

Any ground water withdrawals in excess of 5,000 gallons per day or for the irrigation of more than ½ acre of lawn or noncommercial garden will require a permit from the Department of Ecology.

Chapter 173-150 WAC provides for the protection of existing rights against impairment, i.e. interruption or interference in the availability of water. If water supply in your area becomes limited your use could be curtailed by those with senior water rights.

Existing exempt groundwater withdrawals on the subject property for the same purpose, in combination with the proposed use, must not exceed one groundwater exemption of 5,000 gallons per day or for the irrigation of ½ acre of lawn or noncommercial garden.

If you have any questions concerning the Water Resources comments, please contact Breean Zimmerman at (509) 454-7647.

Sincerely,

Colleen Rauert
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