



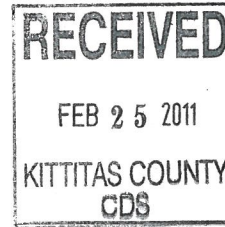
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Attention: Jeff Watson, Staff Planner

Subject: Brown BLA (BL-11-00003 Brown)  
US 97, MP 136.9 Right Vicinity

We have reviewed the proposed BLA, and have the following comments.

1. The property is adjacent to U.S. Highway 97. US 97 is a Class 1 access managed highway in this area with a posted speed limit of 65 miles per hour. Class 1 highways are the most restricted access managed highways. The property abuts US 97 on the west and Dry Creek Road on the south. All access to the site must be via Dry Creek Road. Per WAC 468-52-040(1)(b)(ii) no direct access to US 97 will be allowed, unless it can be shown that there is no other reasonable alternative.
2. Stormwater and surface runoff generated by this project must be retained and treated on site in accordance with regulating agencies' standards, and not be allowed to flow onto WSDOT rights-of-way.
3. US 97 is an existing facility and the proponent and future residents should be aware that they are proposing development in an area with existing traffic noise. They should also expect that traffic noise may continue to grow into the future, and, as an essential public facility, US 97 may need to be expanded to accommodate future traffic growth. It is the developer's responsibility to dampen or deflect any traffic noise for this development.
4. Any proposed lighting should be directed down towards the site, and away from US 97.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this proposal. If you have any questions concerning our comments, please contact Rick Holmstrom at (509) 557-1633.

Sincerely,

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Materials and Planning Engineer

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