

EXHIBIT 4

A. The proposed amendment is compatible with the comprehensive plan.

The existing land use of Rural Working Lands and the existing zoning of Forrest and Range

Project's Relationship to the Kittitas County Vision Statement

The proposed amendment for the project is compatible with the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan's Vision Statement as it includes the following:

"Vision Statement Kittitas County has a rich cultured mix that is a result of agriculture, education and resource based industries such as timber and mining. Many families in the lower Kittitas Valley carry on long family traditions in farming and cattle production, while the Upper County is changing from the once powerful mining and timber industries to recreational-based and service enterprises More and more residents are moving to Kittitas County to enjoy the quality of life here while having to commute out of county for work due to lack of employment in the area..... The Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan is an attempt to address issues and formulate guiding policies for future growth and development in Kittitas County...."

"Upper County is changing from the once powerful mining and timber industries to recreational-based and service enterprises".

The previous owner of this property was a timber company that logged adjacent lands that it owned (very little, if any, logging occurred on this property) and then made a determination that neither the area, the location of the property nor the land lent itself to timber production as the area that the property is located within transitioned into residential and recreational uses. The Kittitas County Vision Statement recognizes that land of this type, located in the upper county, is, or has, transitioned into residential and recreation uses. Further the 42 acres of land included in these two parcels do not meet the criterial for the land use Rural Working Lands or the zoning designation Forest and Range.

The requested zone is compatible with the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan as it meets many of the plan's goals a few of which are listed below:

Project's Relationship to the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan Section 2.5.1, which states:

2.5.1. Kittitas County is endowed with a variety and abundance of lakes, rivers, and streams. A county undergoing considerable change and development cannot long take for granted such valuable and limited resources. It shall be the objective of the County, therefore, to provide for the long range management of shorelines and adjacent wetlands by planning for and fostering all reasonable and appropriate uses, including residential, industrial, agricultural, private and public recreation, etc. This policy is designed to ensure the development and/or preservation of shorelines, which will promote and enhance both private and public interest. It will also provide a policy framework whereby decisions are formulated before controversial issues or crises develop which often result in hasty, ill-advised solutions.

The proposed amendment for the project is compatible with the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan Section 2.5.1 as it states, as a goal, to provide for *long range management of shorelines and adjacent wetlands by planning for and fostering all reasonable and appropriate uses, including ... private and public recreation.* The project will provide for the long-range management of the shoreline of Little Creek that lies within the boundaries of the property. The current zoning of Forest and Range allows for Mining and excavation along with Rock crushing are outright permitted uses as well as other uses that are not compatible with the lay or use of the property.

Project's Relationship to the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan Section 2.5.4, which states:

GPO 2.54 Recreation: It is a goal of our County to encourage recreational opportunities which will not compromise water quality, will not have a detrimental effect on the fragile systems of our shorelines, nor infringe on the rights of the private property owner.

The proposed amendment for the Property is compatible with the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan Section 2.5.4 the change in zoning will allow for uses that are more compatible with the surrounding uses as this area is a recreation corridor with rural residential uses.

Project's Relationship to the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan Section 2.7.4, which states:

GPO 2.74 Residential: Residential subdivisions should be consigned (1) so as to adequately protect and/or to improve the area's aesthetic qualities and characteristics of the water and shoreline areas.....

The Rural 5 zone will remove the potential for resource orientated operations to occur on these properties that have aesthetic impacts on the shore line of Little Creek.

Project's Relationship to the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan Section 3.1, which states:

GPO 3.1 Provide a sufficient number of housing units for future populations in rural areas of Kittitas County.

This zone change will allow for additional housing to be built in the future with domestic water provided by the Big Creek water system. Housing units for future populations is greatly curtailed in the upper county and specifically in this area by the supply of water. This will be one of the very few areas in the upper county that will be served by a new Group A water system.

Project's Relationship to the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan Section 3.3, which states:

GPO 3.3 Encourage home ownership within the community.

The proposal will create the possibility for new homes to be built in the future which will be sold and provide for home ownership within the community.

Project's Relationship to the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan Section 3.4, which states:

GPO 3.4 Provide sufficient housing units while maintaining environmental quality.

This proposal will provide additional housing units while maintaining the environmental and rural quality of the area.

Project's Relationship to the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan Section 3.15, which states:

GPO 3.15 Provide for a range of housing types within Kittitas County.

This Project, by providing housing in this area with easy access to I-90, will be providing for a definable segment of the housing types needed in Kittitas County.

Project's Relationship to the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan Section 3.17, which states:

GPO 3.17 Provide a sufficient number of housing units for future populations while maintaining the rural character of Kittitas County.

This proposal will provide additional housing in the upper county as it will provide for land that is served with a Group A water system with adequate water rights to serve the area and number of units allowed by the new zoning.