

EXHIBIT 6

- B. The proposed amendment has merit and value for Kittitas County or a sub-area of the county.

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines “merit” as “*a good quality or feature that deserves to be praised*” and/or “*the quality of being good, important, or useful*”.

Protection of shorelines: Currently the shorelines of Little Creek that border the property are unprotected. The proposal will reduce and eliminate the possibility of such activities of mining and create a better zone for the protection areas for the afore stated shoreline which will have the potential of improving the water quality and wild life habitat along the shorelines of said creek corridors. By doing this the amendment has merit and value for the county.

Protection of wetlands: There are wetlands that are within the property that are currently unprotected. The approved proposal will reduce or eliminate resource-based activities that have the potential to negatively impact the shorelines of Little Creek. By doing this the amendment has merit and value for the county.

Protection of Little Creek: The Little Creek drainage has been placed in the red zone meaning that no water can be extracted from the ground to serve any uses within the area. This proposal will allow the Big Creek Group A water system to be expanded into the area to serve the property included with this proposal. This expansion will be done with mitigation from the Big Creek water bank. By doing this the amendment has merit and value for the county.

Access for Emergency Services and Vehicles: Currently the area where this proposal is located is isolated from access for emergency service vehicles as the bridge located on Forest service road 4517 nor the access across the KRD Canal bridge located at Lune lane meet the standards required by the fire code for emergency vehicles. With the approval of this proposal the new road from Nelson siding road that is being designed will be constructed in the fall of 2019 and summer of 2020 maybe extended to the property which will also provide emergency access to other properties in the area. By doing this the amendment has merit and value for the county.