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"Building Partnerships – Building Communities"

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals: [\[help\]](#)

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

APPLICATION FEES:

\$600.00 Kittitas County Community Development Services (KCCDS)**

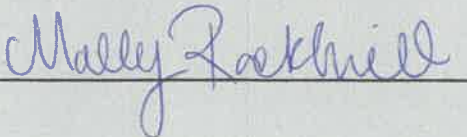
\$250.00 Kittitas County Department of Public Works**

\$430.00 Kittitas County Public Health

\$1,280.00 Total fees due for this application (One check made payable to KCCDS)

** Note:KCCDS and PW fees are waived if project is a VSP sponsored fish enhancement project.

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Application Received by (CDS Staff Signature): 	DATE: <u>6/28/19</u>	RECEIPT# <u>CD19-01653</u> <div data-bbox="1159 1738 1474 1934" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> RECEIVED JUN 28 2019 Kittitas Co. CDS </div>
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A. Background [\[help\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: [\[help\]](#)

Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan Map Change

2. Name of applicant: [\[help\]](#)

DK Professional Consultants, inc.

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: [\[help\]](#)

DK Professional Consultants, inc.

Pat Deneen

304 West First St

Cle Elum, WA 98922

509-260-0462

4. Date checklist prepared: [\[help\]](#)

June 26, 2019

5. Agency requesting checklist: [\[help\]](#)

Kittitas County Planning Department

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): [\[help\]](#)

Submitted prior to June 30 with action by the county prior to December 31, 2019

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. [\[help\]](#)

After the land use decisions by the County Commissioners a re-zone application will be submitted to the county to ensure that the zoning is in compliance with the land-use.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. [\[help\]](#)

None to my knowledge

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. [\[help\]](#)

No

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. [\[help\]](#)

The proposal needs Kittitas County approval

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11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.) [\[help\]](#)

The proposal requests the county commissioners to change the land use Designations of the property from Rural Working Lands to Rural Residential lands. The legal description of the property is contained on Exhibit 1 to this document. If approved the land-use for this property would be for rural residential homes and recreational uses. Size of the property is 42 acres.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist. [\[help\]](#)

street address: The property does not have an address

section, township, and range. Section 33, Township North 20 Range 14 East W.M.

legal description LOT 17 and LOT 19 B29/P187-188 as filed under recorders # 200401020042

site plan: See Exhibit 2

vicinity map See Exhibit 3

topographic map See Exhibit 4

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS [\[help\]](#)

1. Earth [\[help\]](#)

a. General description of the site: [\[help\]](#)

The property is mostly flat.

(circle one): **Flat**, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other _____

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? [\[help\]](#)

Lot 17 is mostly flat. Lot 19 is mostly flat but rases on the south side as it sits north of and at the toe of a hill sloping up and to the south.

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils. [\[help\]](#)

Sand, gravel and some clay.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

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No

- e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill. [\[help\]](#)

None

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

This is a non project action therefore there will be no impact.

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? [\[help\]](#)

None

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None

2. Air [\[help\]](#)

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#)

This is a non project action therefore there will be no impact.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None

3. Water [\[help\]](#)

- a. Surface Water:

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into. [\[help\]](#)

Little Creek runs through the norther portion of Lot 17 and flows into the Yakima River.

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans. [\[help\]](#)

No



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3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material. [\[help\]](#)

None

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#)

No

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. [\[help\]](#)

No

6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge. [\[help\]](#)

No

b. Ground Water:

1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#)

No

2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve. [\[help\]](#)

None

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

This is a non project request so there will be no changes to the current condition of the property.

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No



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3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

No

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None

4. Plants [\[help\]](#)

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site: [\[help\]](#)

deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

shrubs

grass

pasture

crop or grain

Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.

wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other

water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other

other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? [\[help\]](#)

None

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

None that I know of

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: [\[help\]](#)

This is a non project action so there will be no landscaping

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

This is a non project action – I do not know about the weeds

5. Animals [\[help\]](#)

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- a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

Birds: hawks, songbirds, crows and other birds as associated with the Upper Kittitas County.

Animals: Deer, Elk, Coyote and other animals as associated with the Upper Kittitas County.

Fish: There are fish in Little Creek but I do not know the type

Examples include:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:

mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:

fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other _____

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

None to my knowledge

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. [\[help\]](#)

Deer and Elk pass through the area

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: [\[help\]](#)

This is a non project action - None

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

I am not aware of any

6. Energy and Natural Resources [\[help\]](#)

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc. [\[help\]](#)

This is a non project action so no additional energy will be used nor will any Natural Resources be affected

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

This is a non project action which does not provide for energy conservation

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7. Environmental Health [\[help\]](#)

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

None that I know of

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses. [\[help\]](#)

None that I know of

- 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity. [\[help\]](#)

None that I know of

- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project. [\[help\]](#)

None that I know of

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required. [\[help\]](#)

None that I know of

- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None

b. Noise [\[help\]](#)

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? [\[help\]](#)

This is a non project action so there is no impact

- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site. [\[help\]](#)

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This is a non project action so there is no impact

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

This is a non project action so there is no impact

8. Land and Shoreline Use [\[help\]](#)

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

The Adjacent properties have been subdivided but at this time there's no buildings. The Proposal will not affect nearby or adjacent properties.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use? [\[help\]](#)

The affected property has not been used for farmland

- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how: [\[help\]](#)

NO

- c. Describe any structures on the site. [\[help\]](#)

None

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? [\[help\]](#)

No

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? [\[help\]](#)

Forrest and Range

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? [\[help\]](#)

Rural Working lands

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? [\[help\]](#)

I believe that where Little Creek runs through the property identified here is

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designated as Rural Conservancy.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify. [\[help\]](#)

No

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? [\[help\]](#)

None

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? [\[help\]](#)

None

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: [\[help\]](#)

The proposal meets the comprehensive planning designation and is compatible with existing and projected land uses for the property

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None

9. Housing [\[help\]](#)

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [\[help\]](#)

None

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [\[help\]](#)

None

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None

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10. Aesthetics [\[help\]](#)

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? [\[help\]](#)

There are no proposed structures

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? [\[help\]](#)

There are no proposed structures

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

There are no proposed structures -- None

11. Light and Glare [\[help\]](#)

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? [\[help\]](#)

There is no lighting proposed

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? [\[help\]](#)

There is no lighting proposed

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? [\[help\]](#)

None

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None

12. Recreation [\[help\]](#)

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? [\[help\]](#)

Mortized Vehical riding some fishing and some hiking

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

None



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- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None

13. Historic and cultural preservation [\[help\]](#)

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe. [\[help\]](#)

None

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources. [\[help\]](#)

None

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc. [\[help\]](#)

None

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required. [\[help\]](#)

None

14. Transportation [\[help\]](#)

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. [\[help\]](#)

The proposal is located on Misty Mountain Way a private road.

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? [\[help\]](#)

No

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate? [\[help\]](#)

None



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d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). [\[help\]](#)

No

e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates? [\[help\]](#)

This is a non-project action, Vehicle trips will not be increased.

g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None

15. Public Services [\[help\]](#)

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. [\[help\]](#)

None

16. Utilities [\[help\]](#)

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: [\[help\]](#)
electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,
other _____

Power, phone and data are to the site

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b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed. [\[help\]](#)

None. This is a non-project action, no utilities will be needed at this time. The property will be served by the Big Creek Water System when it is developed in the future.

C. Signature [\[help\]](#)

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: 
Name of signee: PAT DENEEN
Position and Agency/Organization: V. P.
Date Submitted: 6-28-19

D. supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [\[help\]](#)

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

This proposal is for a Comprehensive Plan Map Change and in itself is not authorizing any construction or activities that would be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

None at this time

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

This proposal is for a Comprehensive Plan Map Change and in itself is not authorizing any construction or activities that would be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

None



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3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

This proposal is for a Comprehensive Plan Map Change and in itself is not authorizing any construction or activities that would be likely to deplete energy or natural resources

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

None

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

This proposal is for a Comprehensive Plan Map Change and in itself is not authorizing any construction or activities that would be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

None

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

This proposal is for a Comprehensive Plan Map Change and in itself is not authorizing any construction or activities that would be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

None

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

This proposal is for a Comprehensive Plan Map Change and in itself is not authorizing any construction or activities that would be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

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None

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

This proposal is for a Comprehensive Plan Map Change and in itself is not authorizing any construction or activities that would be likely that the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment

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EXHIBIT 1
Legal Description

LOT 17 and LOT 19 as recorded in the Book of surveys pages 187-188 as filed under Kittitas County
Auditors Recorders Number 200401020042.

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