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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.

Kittitas County CDS

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)**
\$950.00* Kittitas County Department of Public Works**
\$275.00 Kittitas County Public Health

\$1,825.00 Total fees due for this application (One check made payable to KCCDS)

*2 hours of review included in Public Works Fee. Additional review hours will be billed at \$243 per hour.

** 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): <hr/>	DATE: <hr/>	RECEIPT# <hr/>	 <small>DATE STAMP IN-BOX</small>
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A. Background [\[help\]](#)

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

Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan Map Change and Rezone request.

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

Teanaway Ridge LLC

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

Teanaway Ridge LLC, PO Box 808, Cle Elum WA 98922. Mike Jones 808-728-6644
Terra Design Group Inc, Chad Bala PO Box 686 Cle Elum WA 98922, 509-607-0617 (Contact Person)

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

June 28th, 2022

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

Kittitas County Community Development Services Department

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

Application submittal date is June 30th, 2022 with Final County approval by December 31, 2022.

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

As part of this comprehensive plan map amendment it is required to submit a rezone request for consistency purposes pursuant to the Growth Management Act.

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

There has been a critical areas study of the property.

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. [\[help\]](#)

Currently there is a conditional use permit application in process regarding the subject property. This is a non-project action.

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

This is a non-project action therefore a land use map and zone change are the only approvals needed from Kittitas County.

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

This proposal requests Kittitas County to change the land use designation of the subject properties from Rural Working to Rural Residential lands along with the appropriate zoning of Rural-5. The legal descriptions are contained in Exhibit 1. This proposal would allow for rural recreational uses and other uses allowed under the rural recreational zoning. The total acreage is 86.58 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. [\[help\]](#)

See Exhibit 1 for Vicinity & Parcel Map, & topographic map.

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

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

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

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

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

Less than 5%.

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.

[\[help\]](#)

Mainly Rocky soil.

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

None to our knowledge.

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 as this is a non-project action and is only requesting a land use designation and rezone change.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)
No as this is a land use designation and rezone change request.

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 land use designation and rezone change therefore a non-project action and no impact will occur as part of this request.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)
None that we know of.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: [\[help\]](#)
None needed.

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. [\[help\]](#)

The Yakima River runs through a portion of this property. There also wetlands and creeks on portions of the subject properties.

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 as this is a non project action.

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. [\[help\]](#)

This is a non-project action therefore this doesn't not apply.

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

This is a non-project action therefore this does not apply.

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

There is 100-yr floodplain is located on these parcels. See Exhibit # ???

- 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, as this is a non-project action requesting a land use map and rezone change.

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, as this is a non-project action requesting a land use map and rezone change only.

- 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 action request so there will be no changes to the current conditions of the property.

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

No.

- 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. [\[help\]](#)

Please see Exhibit #???? for the critical areas report.

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 therefore there is no need for landscaping measures.

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

None that we know of.

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

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. [\[help\]](#)

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. [\[help\]](#)

c. Please see Exhibit #???? for the critical areas report.

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

Not to our knowledge.

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

None.

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

None that we know of.

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 therefore no additional energy or natural resources will be used at this time.

- 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 therefore there is no need to provide for energy conservation at this time.

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 we know of.

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

None that we 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 we 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 we know of.

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

None that we 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 therefore 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. [\[help\]](#)

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 lands to the east of this proposal have been subdivided into smaller nonconforming parcels, but currently the subject property is vacant. This proposal will not affect the nearby or adjacent properties, if anything this proposal is making it more consistent to the residential uses that are surrounding the area.

- 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? [\[help\]](#)

This property IS NOT designated as agricultural or forest lands of long term commercial significance, nor has been used as working farm or forest land.

- 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. If anything, this proposed land use and rezone change to rural residential will make it consistent with the surrounding area.

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

Rental house, garage structure, foundations etc.

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

None.

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

Rural -5 and Forest & Range 20 Zoning.

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

Rural Residential and Rural Working Land Use.

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

Rural Conservancey.

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

Pursuant to Kittitas County, through its database, has identified streams, floodplain, wetlands etc. on the subject properties.

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: [\[help\]](#)

This proposal meets the proposed Comprehensive Planning designation of Rural Residential and proposed zoning designation of Rural -5 which is consistent with the existing and surrounding residential uses in the vicinity.

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.

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? [\[help\]](#)

estimated height is 30 feet. Exterior of the each structure; one is wood siding the other is metal siding and roofing.

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

None.

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

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 as this is a non-project action.

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

No.

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? [\[help\]](#)

Yakima River, snow and cross country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, mtn. biking, hunting, and fishing. etc.

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

No.

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 that we know of.

- 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 that we know of.

- 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 as this is a non-project action.

- 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. [\[help\]](#)

This is a non-project action. The subject property is served by Hwy 970 onto Hwy 10.

- 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.

- 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). [\[help\]](#) _____

None.

- 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 there is no vehicle trips generated or increased at this time.

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, as this is a non-project action.

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 _____

Utilities are currently available to the site.

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. [\[help\]](#)

No utilities will be needed at this time as this is a non project action.

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 : Mike Jones, Teanaway Ridge LLC, Landowner

Position and Agency/Organization AUTIMIZCO SIGNOR

Date Submitted: 6-30-22

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 & zone change and 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 the production of noise. Projecting into the future, items like these will be taken into consideration by the appropriate jurisdiction if uses are proposed triggering review.

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 & zone change and is not authorizing any construction activities that would be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life. Projecting into future items like these will be taken into consideration by the appropriate jurisdiction if uses are proposed triggering review.

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

None.

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

This proposal is for a comprehensive plan map & zone change and is not authorizing any construction activities that would be likely to deplete energy or natural resources. Projecting into the future items like these will be taken into consideration by the appropriate jurisdiction if uses are proposed triggering review.

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 & zone change and is not authorizing any construction activities that would be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated for governmental protection, such as parks, wilderness, wild & scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands. Projecting into the future items like these will be taken into consideration by the appropriate jurisdiction if uses are proposed triggering review.

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 & zoning change and is not authorizing any construction activities that would likely to affect land and shoreline uses, including whether or it would allow for or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans. Projecting into the future items like these will be taken into consideration by the appropriate jurisdiction if uses are proposed triggering review.

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 & zoning change and is not authorizing any construction activities that would likely to increase demands on transportation or public services or utilities. Projecting into the future items like these will be taken into consideration by the appropriate jurisdiction if uses are proposed triggering review.

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

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 & zone change and is not authorizing any construction or activities that would be likely to conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment. Projecting into the future items like these will be taken into consideration by the appropriate jurisdiction if uses are proposed triggering review.