

**WHISKEY DICK RANCH GAME BIRD PRESERVE
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**

WAC 197-11-960 Environmental checklist.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

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.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D).

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

WHISKEY DICK RANCH BIRD SPORTING PRESERVE

2. Name of applicant:

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3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

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4. Date checklist prepared: JUNE 3, 2010

5. Agency requesting checklist: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, KITTITAS COUNTY

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

IMMEDIATE

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

NOT AT THIS TIME

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

NONE. PROPERTY WAS FORMERLY OWNED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT.

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.

NONE KNOWN.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

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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.)

THE APPLICANT DESIRES TO UTILIZE THE 160 ACRE PIECE OF SAGELAND AS A BIRD HUNTING AND TRAINING PRESERVE. THE PROPERTY WOULD REMAIN IN ITS UNDEVELOPED, UNIMPROVED STATE, BEING UTILIZED FOR RELEASING AND HUNTING GAME BIRDS AND FOR TRAINING HUNTING DOGS. NO MORE THAN FIVE VEHICLES WOULD BE AUTHORIZED ON SITE AT ANY ONE TIME.

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.

THE PROPERTY CONSISTS OF A SINGLE PARCEL OF 160 ACRES, LYING SOUTH OF THE VANTAGE HIGHWAY. A SMALL TRIANGULAR PORTION OF THE PROPERTY LIES NORTH OF THE VANTAGE HIGHWAY, BUT SUCH TRIANGULAR PORTION WOULD NOT BE USED FOR HUNTING OR PARKING. A VICINITY PARCEL MAP IS ATTACHED HERETO. THE PROPERTY CONSTITUTES THE SE ¼ OF SECTION 2, T17N, R20 E, KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. **Earth**

a. General description of the site (circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous
other

FLAT, WITH A FEW ROLLING HILLS. PRIMARILY DRYLAND WITH SAGEBRUSH.

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

NO STEEP SLOPES. SITE HAS SOME SLIGHT TOPOGRAPHICAL VARIATION. MAN-MADE BERMS AND SHALE DEPOSIT SITES REMAIN FROM FORMER SHALE PIT OPERATIONS.

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 prime farmland.

ARID SOILS, ROCKY, GRAVEL, CLAY, BEDROCK.. SHALE

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

NO.

- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

NO FILL OR GRADING PROPOSED.

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

NO.

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

NONE.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

NO EROSION IS ANTICIPATED. NO IMPROVEMENTS ARE PROPOSED.

a. **Air**

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

NONE.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

NO, OTHER THAN ADJACENCY TO VANTAGE HIGHWAY AND VEHICLE EMISSIONS.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

NONE.

3. **Water**

- a. Surface:

- 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.

NONE OBSERVED.

- 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.

NO

- 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.

N/A

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

NO.

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

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.

NO.

b. Ground:

- 1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

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.

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.

NONE

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

NO.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:

N/A/

4. Plants

a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

- _____ deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- _____ evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- X shrubs
- _____ X grass
- _____ pasture
- _____ crop or grain
- _____ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- _____ water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- _____ X other types of vegetation SAGEBRUSH

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

NONE.

c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

NONE

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

NO ALTERATION OF THE EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS ARE PLANNED.

5. Animals

a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

- birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other: pheasant, grouse
- mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other: squirrels/chipmunks, coyotes
- fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other: none.

b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

NONE

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

NO

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

SOME NATIVE PHEASANT MAY BE RAISED AND RELEASED. SOME GAME BIRDS MAY BE HUNTED. ALL RELEASE, HUNTING, AND TRAINING WILL COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE REGULATIONS. THE STATE OF WASHINGTON OPERATES A PHEASANT RELEASE SITE NEARBY.

6. Energy and natural resources

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.

N/A

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties?

If so, generally describe.

N/A

- 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:

PROPERTY WILL BE USED AND ENJOYED IN ITS NATURAL STATE.

7. Environmental health

- 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.

NO

- 1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

NONE

- 2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

N/A.

b. Noise

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

TRAFFIC ON VANTAGE HIGHWAY

- 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.

GUNSHOTS (FROM SHOTGUN OR FIREARM USED IN HUNTING OR TARGET PRACTICE). SHOTS WOULD BE INFREQUENT AND PERIODIC, AND SHOOTING WOULD OCCUR ONLY NEAR THE CENTER OF THE PROPERTY. BRUSH, VEGETATION AND TOPOGRAPHY WILL MINIMIZE OR ELIMINATE NOISE IMPACTS TO OFFSITE PROPERTY OR PERSONS.

NO FIREARMS WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE DISCHARGED PRIOR TO 7:00 A.M. OR AFTER 8:00 P.M.

TARGET PRACTICE SITE WILL BE LOCATED IN THE DEPRESSION OF A FORMER SHALE PIT WHICH IS SUBSTANTIALLY OUT OF RANGE OF ADJACENT PROPERTIES, AND SHIELDED FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE SITE THROUGH BERMING AND THE DEPRESSION ASSOCIATED WITH MINING..

ALL NOISE ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE FOLLOWED.

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

500 FOOT BUFFER/NO FIRE ZONE WILL EXIST ALL ALONG PERIMETER OF PROPERTY AND THE VANTAGE HIGHWAY

8. Land and shoreline use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

VACANT LAND PERIODICALLY USED FOR PERSONAL RECREATIONAL GAMEBIRD HUNTING AND TARGET PRACTICE

b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

NO

c. Describe any structures on the site.

SMALL OUTHOUSE

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

NO

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

AG-20

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

RURAL

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

N/A

h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.

N/A

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

A MAXIMUM OF 25 HUNTING GUESTS WOULD BE PERMITTED ON THE PROPERTY AT ANY ONE TIME.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

NONE

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

N/A

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

APPLICANT IS GOING THROUGH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMITTING PROCESS TO ENSURE PROJECT WILL BE CONDITIONED TO MAKE IT COMPATIBLE. PROPOSED USE IS CONSISTENT WITH HISTORICAL AND CURRENT USES OF THE PROPERTY FOR HUNTING AND RECREATION.

12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

THE AREA IS PRIMARILY SAGEBRUSH AND FREQUENTED FOR RECREATIONAL USES SUCH AS HUNTING, TARGET PRACTICE, OFF-ROAD VEHICLES AND DIRT BIKING.

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

NO

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

NONE,

13. Historic and cultural preservation

- a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.

NO

- b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.

NONE

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:

N/A

14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

ACCESSES EXIST OFF OF VANTAGE HIGHWAY AND SUNSET ROAD

- b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

NO. NONE.

- c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

EXISTING CLEARED AREA, AND FORMER PARKING AREA USED BY BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT WOULD BE USED. MAXIMUM OF FIVE VEHICLES WOULD BE PERMITTED TO PARK ON SITE AT ANY ONE TIME.

- d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

NO

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

NONE

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.

NO MORE THAN ____ HUNTING GROUPS WOULD BE PERMITTED ON SITE AT ANY ONE TIME. THE PROPOSED USE WOULD NOT RESULT IN ANY MORE VEHICLES OR TRAFFIC THAN WOULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL USES.

g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

NUMBER OF HUNTING GROUPS AND VEHICLES ON SITE AT ANY ONE TIME WILL BE LIMITED.

15. Public services

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

NO

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

N/A

16. Utilities

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.

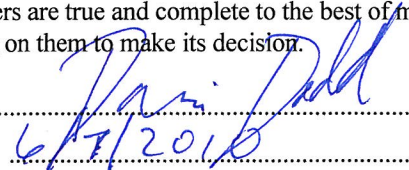
ABOVE-GROUND POWERLINES CROSS THROUGH THE PROPERTY. THE SITE HAS NOT BEEN HOOKED UP TO UTILITIES.

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.

NO UTILITIES ARE PROPOSED.

C. SIGNATURE

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: 

Date Submitted: 6/7/2016

D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS

(do not 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?

N/A

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

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?

N/A

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

N/A

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?

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A