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Kittitas County Community Development Services
411 N Ruby, Suite 2
Ellensburg, WA 98926



Subject: Comments for Horse Canyon Conditional Use Permit(CU-10-00004).

Dear Kittitas County Community Development Services,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 65 acre sand and gravel mine, Horse Canyon, at Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 17 East W.M. in Kittitas County. The 65 acre mine does require a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Surface Mine Reclamation Permit (SMRP) as defined in RCW 78.44.031 (17).

(a) "Surface mine" means any area or areas in close proximity to each other, as determined by the department, where extraction of minerals results in:

- (i) More than three acres of disturbed area;
 - (ii) Surface mined slopes greater than thirty feet high and steeper than 1.0 foot horizontal to 1.0 foot vertical; or
 - (iii) More than one acre of disturbed area within an eight acre area, when the disturbed area results from mineral prospecting or exploration activities.
- (b) Surface mines include areas where mineral extraction from the surface or subsurface occurs by the auger method or by reworking mine refuse or tailings, when the disturbed area exceeds the size or height thresholds listed in (a) of this subsection.
- (c) Surface mining occurs when operations have created or are intended to create a surface mine as defined by this subsection.

Failure to comply may result in a Stop Work Order per RCW 78.44.380. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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