

March 3, 2016  
Kittitas County Community Development Services  
411 N. Ruby St. Suite 2  
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Regarding Development Proposal CU-15-00002

To Whom It May Concern,

Because the proposed development occurs adjacent to the Yakima River, either the project should be denied (preferable) or maximum mitigation should be required to protect apparent **public** resources:

- (1) fish species and related habitat (all channels and riparian vegetation which could serve as protective rearing habitat for juvenile salmonids)
- (2) the floodplain itself (see the CWU "Reaches Project" and floodplain function)
- (3) water quality (e.g. degraded quality implied by spillage of RV effluent)
- (4) aesthetic quality (natural habitat is preferable to the many RVs proposed)

I am concerned that development will remove the potential for a healthy riparian zone initially, and that RV development will foster further degradation as protection of private property and its implied profit "creep" through time (e.g. danger tree removal; flood mitigation; and the tendency to view it as an RV park rather than habitat deserving protection).

The conditional use permit should be denied because of the above mentioned reasons. Development Services should look at the resources in Kittitas County that make our area unique. Precedents should be set toward maintaining some semblance of natural beauty, particularly adjacent to something as beautiful and important as the Yakima River.

Sincerely,  
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