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July 29, 2016

Dusty Pilkington
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Re: CU-15-00007

Dear Mr. Pilkington:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the optional determination of nonsignificance process for a school on approximately 26 acres, proposed by Chimpanzee Sanctuary Northwest. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

SHORELANDS/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE

The wetland area as shown on the NWI map probably extends farther to the northwest. It appears that the proposed new road approach may intersect potential wetland areas or their buffers, or may intercept shallow groundwater that contributes to the hydrology of potential wetland areas below the proposed road. If that is the case, a wetland delineation and wetland mitigation report would be required to comply with the County critical areas ordinance and Washington State wetland protection statutes.

Ecology would be happy to assist the applicant/County with a site wetland reconnaissance to determine whether a wetland delineation report and or wetland mitigation is needed. Please call **Catherine Reed** at (509) 575-2616 for wetland assistance.

WATER QUALITY

Project with Potential to Discharge Off-Site

The NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit from the Washington State Department of Ecology is required if there is a potential for stormwater discharge from a construction site with disturbed ground. This permit requires that the SEPA checklist fully disclose anticipated activities including building, road construction and utility placements. Obtaining a permit is a minimum of a 38 day process and may take up to 60 days if the original SEPA does not disclose all proposed activities.



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The permit requires that Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (Erosion Sediment Control Plan) is prepared and implemented for all permitted construction sites. These control measures must be able to prevent soil from being carried into surface water (this includes storm drains) by stormwater runoff. Permit coverage and erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading or construction.

More information on the stormwater program may be found on Ecology's stormwater website at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/>. Please submit an application or contact **Mark Peterschmidt** at the Department of Ecology, (509) 454-7843, with questions about this permit.

Sincerely,



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