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Good morning,

Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forest Practices would like to formally comment on the Conditional Use Permit under SEPA review by Kittitas County, for Swiftwater Storage, located in Section 32 – Township 20N – Range 16E. While the SEPA checklist only notes the need to remove “grasses and other vegetation”, the location appears to have recently had conifer trees removed, and our forester stopped by the site and noted that the stumps of these trees were being ground up. **As such, this action seems to be a conversion of the property to non-forestry, and should require an approved Forest Practices Application/Notification (FPA) from the DNR prior to further conversion activities.**

Noting that comments are due before March 17<sup>th</sup>, please confirm having received these. Kittitas County Planning or the project proponent are welcome to contact the DNR with any questions.

Thank you,

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