



March 16, 2021

Kittitas County Community Development Services  
411 N. Ruby Street, Ste 2  
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Attn: Kelly Bacon, Planner

RE: CU-20-00006 – Swiftwater Storage  
SR 970 milepost 1.95 Lt.

We have reviewed the proposed project and have the following comments.

- The subject property is adjacent to State Route 970 (SR 970), a Managed Access Class 1 highway with a posted speed limit of 55 miles per hour. Currently, access to the property is via the permitted joint-use access at milepost 1.95 Lt. The proponent may continue to use this access; however, an updated access connection permit must be obtained for the proposed change in use. The property owner must contact Mark Kaiser at (509) 577-1668, to apply.
- Any proposed lighting must be direct down towards the site and away from SR 970.
- Stormwater or surface runoff generated by this proposal must be retained and treated on site. An approved utility permit is required for any discharge of water onto SR 970 right-of-way.
- Any outdoor advertising or motorist signing considered for this project will need to comply with state criteria. Please contact Trevor McCain of the WSDOT Headquarters Traffic Office for specifics. He can be reached at (360) 705-7282.
- In this location, WSDOT right-of-way extends 75' from the highway centerline. The proponent should be aware, any encroachment, including but not limited to grading, fencing, or landscaping, will not be allowed within the highway right-of-way.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jacob Prilucik at (509) 577-1635.

Sincerely,

Paul Gonseth, P.E.  
Region Planning Engineer

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cc: SR 970, File #2020-001  
Mike Krahenbuhl, Area 1 Maintenance Superintendent