

From: [Holly Erdman](#)
To: [Jeremiah Cromie](#)
Cc: [Jesse Cox](#)
Subject: RE: CU-21-00004 Kittitas County PUD Bettas Rd - Notice of Application
Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 8:14:37 AM

Jeremiah,

Public health has no comments or concerns with this application.

Thank you,

Holly Erdman

From: Jeremiah Cromie <jeremiah.cromie@co.kittitas.wa.us>
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 9:04 AM
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Cc: matt.boast@kittitaspud.com; Jeremy Johnston <jeremy.johnston@co.kittitas.wa.us>; Rachael Stevie (CD) <rachael.stevie.cd@co.kittitas.wa.us>; Kelly Bacon (CD) <kelly.bacon.cd@co.kittitas.wa.us>
Subject: CU-21-00004 Kittitas County PUD Bettas Rd - Notice of Application

Good morning,

CDS is requesting comment on the following Conditional Use Permit application: CU-21-00004 Kittitas County PUD Bettas Rd. Links to the file materials can be found below. The comment period will end **Friday July 30, 2021 at 5p**. CDS will assume your agency does not wish to provide comment if not received by this date. Please let me know if you have any issues accessing the materials.

[CU-21-00004 Kittitas County PUD Bettas Rd - Internal](#)

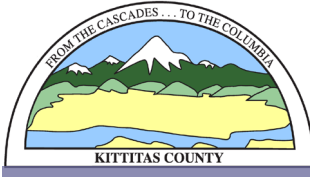
[CU-21-00004 Kittitas County PUD Bettas Rd - External](#)

If the links above do not work, please go to the CDS website at <https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/cds/land-use/default.aspx> and navigate to “Conditional Use Permits” and then Project File Number “CU-21-00004 Kittitas County PUD Bettas Rd”.

Thank you.

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"Building Partnerships – Building Communities"

July 28, 2021

Jeremiah Cromie
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RE: Kittitas County PUD Bettas Rd CUP (CU-21-00004)

Dear Mr. Cromie,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above listed Conditional Use Permit application.

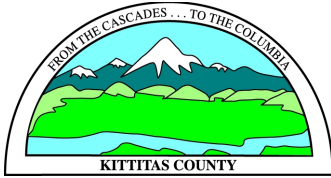
Public service agency power transmission projects are exempt from local building permits per 2018 IBC 105.2.2.

105.2.2 Public service agencies. A *permit* shall not be required for the installation, *alteration* or repair of generation, transmission, distribution or metering or other related equipment that is under the ownership and control of public service agencies by established right.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

MIKE FLORY

Mike Flory
Building Official



KITITAS COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Community Development Services
FROM: Public Works Plan Review Team
DATE: July 28, 2021
SUBJECT: CU-21-00004 Kittitas County PUD Bettas Rd

Public Works Conditional Use Comments

- Grading over 100 cubic yards of material requires a grading permit. Any grading over 500 cubic yards of material will require engineered grading and storm water plans. See Kittitas County Code Chapter 14.05.
- Engineered stormwater plans are required if the project creates a pollution generating impervious surface exceeding 5000 square feet. The stormwater system will comply with the Stormwater Management Manual for Eastern Washington (SWMMEW).

Please contact Kittitas County Public Works (509) 962-7523 with any questions.



Allyson Brooks Ph.D., Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

July 29, 2021

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In future correspondence please refer to:
Project Tracking Code: 2021-07-04827
Property: Kittitas County_PUD Bettas Rd Electrical Substation Expansion (CU-21-00004)
Re: Survey Requested

Dear Jeremiah Cromie:

Thank you for contacting the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and providing documentation regarding the above referenced project. These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the SHPO in conformance Washington State law. Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised.

Our statewide predictive model indicates that there is a high probability of encountering cultural resources within the proposed project area. In fact, there are numerous prehistoric archaeological sites located directly south of the proposed project area, suggesting that additional sites may be present. Further, the scale of the proposed ground disturbing actions would destroy any archaeological resources present. Identification during construction is not a recommended detection method because inadvertent discoveries often result in costly construction delays and damage to the resource. Therefore, we recommend a professional archaeological survey of the project area be conducted and a report be produced prior to ground disturbing activities. This report should meet DAHP's [Standards for Cultural Resource Reporting](#).

We also recommend that any historic buildings or structures (45 years in age or older) located within the project area are evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places on Historic Property Inventory (HPI) forms. We highly encourage the SEPA lead agency to ensure that these evaluations are written by a cultural resource professional meeting the [SOI Professional Qualification Standards in Architectural History](#).

Please note that the recommendations provided in this letter reflect only the opinions of DAHP. Any interested Tribes may have different recommendations. We appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from Tribes or other parties concerning cultural resource issues that you receive.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. Please ensure that the DAHP Project Tracking Number is shared with any hired cultural resource consultants and is attached to any



communications or submitted reports. Please also ensure that any reports, site forms, and/or historic property inventory (HPI) forms are uploaded to WISAARD by the consultant(s).

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sydney Hanson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

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July 30, 2021

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SUBJECT: WDFW COMMENTS ON CU-21-00004 Kittitas County PUD Bettas Road Project

Dear Mr. Cromie,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed project to expand the substation near Bettas Road. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has reviewed the application materials and has the following comments for consideration to ensure adequate protection of all Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas.

WDFW appreciates that the proponents have located this project immediately adjacent to already disturbed habitat and the existing substation. Nonetheless, the surrounding habitat is shrubsteppe habitat and provides important habitat for mule deer and elk as well as several other birds and reptiles. WDFW's online Priority Habitats and Species (PHS) map has accurately mapped the project location as shrubsteppe habitat and as mule deer winter range habitat. Additionally, the Washington Connected Landscapes Project maps the least cost pathway for elk migration through the project area. The proposed project falls within the range of several shrubsteppe obligate species including sage thrashers, sagebrush sparrows, and sharp-tailed snakes. Additional information on the habitats and species listed above can be found at the following sources.

- WDFW's Priority Habitats and Species (PHS) Program <https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/at-risk/phs>
- Washington Wildlife Habitat Connectivity Working Group: Columbia Plateau Ecoregion and Statewide Habitat Connectivity Analysis <https://wacconnected.org/>
- Washington State Wildlife Action Plan <https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/at-risk/swap>
- Washington Department of Natural Resources Natural Heritage Program <https://www.dnr.wa.gov/natural-heritage-program>

While we appreciate that actions are proposed to minimize impacts to these priority species and habitats, the project as currently proposed will result in a net loss of shrubsteppe habitat and its associated species. Therefore, we recommend no less than a 2:1 mitigation ratio for the impacts.

WDFW would welcome the opportunity to meet on site to begin conversations on how best to achieve this mitigation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment and please let me know if there are any questions about our comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Nelson".

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