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Permit File – Airstrip Mitigation Plantings

RE: Determination of SEPA Exemption

After reviewing this project, I believe it is categorically exempt from SEPA under WAC 197-11-800 (3) Repair, remodeling and maintenance activities. Specifically WAC 197-11-800(3) states:

"The following activities shall be categorically exempt: The repair, remodeling, maintenance or minor altercation of existing private or public structures, facilities or equipment including utilities, recreation, and transportation facilities involving no material expansions or changes in uses beyond that previously existing..."

I believe that this project fits into the Repair, remodeling and maintenance activities because the activities because the mitigation plantings will enhance the Airstrip site and establish native cover species and will help reduce the presence of noxious weeds and/or non-native vegetation at the site. It will also improve wetland/riparian habitat and be a benefit to fish and wildlife habitat.

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