

Thebault Pageler Cabin Addition

991/1051 Kiias Elk Trail, Cle Elum

Project Narrative

Owners seek to enlarge a single-family vacation cabin along the Yakima River for their own use, with an approved water source and septic system. In order to have a lot large enough for a well, they will combine two lots (parcels 135334 and 295334) and remove the residence (trailer) on parcel 295334. Because the shoreline setback has been extended since the cabin was built, the addition will extend on the upland side of the cabin and will consist of two bedrooms, indoor bathroom, and a covered deck for all-weather access (in consideration of mobility-impaired parents). Total square footage of the enlarged residence will be 1612.

The well and septic system are sited upland of the cabin and in consideration of the various required setbacks. A little one-room accessory structure remaining on parcel 295334 is dry and is used as a fly-tying studio.

The site is relatively flat and partially wooded. Because the property is in a floodplain, within the shoreline, and in an area at risk for wildfires, overlapping development regulations may be difficult to navigate. The owners treasure this beautiful property in the woods along the river. They believe removing one residence, combining the lots, and mitigating tree canopy loss with native grasses, shrubs and trees will reduce stress on the natural environment long-term, while allowing them to construct a simple and functional cabin.

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