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Zach Torrance-Smith
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RE: SP-24-00002

Dear Zach Torrance-Smith:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Application for the Carr Short Plat. We have reviewed the application and have the following comments.

Water Quality

Dividing or platting a piece of property is often the first step in a proposed development. An NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit may be required if there is a potential for stormwater discharge from a construction site with disturbed ground. Ground disturbance includes all utility placements and building or upgrading roads. The permitting process requires going through SEPA, developing a stormwater pollution prevention plan, submitting an application, and a 30-day public notice process. This may take 38-60 days. A permit and a stormwater plan are required prior to beginning ground-breaking activities.

Please contact **Wendy Neet** at 509- 571-6733, with questions about this permit. More information on the stormwater program may be found on Ecology's stormwater website at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/>.

Water Resources

In Washington State, prospective water users must obtain authorization from the Department of Ecology before diverting surface water or withdrawing ground water, with one exception. Ground water withdrawals of up to 5,000 gallons per day used for single or group domestic supply, up to 5,000 gallons per day used for industrial purposes, stock watering, and for the irrigation of up to one-half acre of non-commercial lawn and garden are exempt from the permitting process. Water use under the RCW 90.44.050 exemption establishes a water right that is subject to the same privileges, restrictions, laws and regulations as a water right permit or certificate obtained directly from Ecology.

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If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Water Resources comments, please contact Christopher Kossik at 509-379-1826 or email at christopher.kossik@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joy Espinoza". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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