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SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

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PURPOSE OF CHECKLIST:

The State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW. Requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposals. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts or your proposal are significant, requiring preparation if an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "don not know" or "does not apply" Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

USE OF CHECKLIST FOR NONPROJECT PROPOSALS:

Complete this checklist for non-project proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS.

For non-project actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant" and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer" and "affected geographic are" respectively.

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

FOR STAFF USE

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Elita Short Plat

2. Name of applicant:

Phillip Lesh

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

520 43rd Ave, NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

4. Date checklist prepared:

August 4, 2008

5. Agency requesting checklist:

Kittitas County Community Development Services

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COMMUNITY PLANNING • BUILDING INSPECTION • PLAN REVIEW • ADMINISTRATION • PERMIT SERVICES • CODE ENFORCEMENT • FIRE INVESTIGATION

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):
**Preliminary approval expected in early fall 2008. No phasing is expected.
Final approval expected fall/ winter 2008.**

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.
No future plans or phasing proposed with this application.

8. List any environmental information you know about that had been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.
No other environmental information is expected as a result of this application.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.
No other applications for governmental approval are expected as a result of this proposal.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.
Preliminary and final plat approval, septic and well approval.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)
This project will consist of a 3 lot short plat on 18.11 acres. The applicant is proposing individual wells and individual, onsite septic systems.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.
The subject property is located southwest of the city of Cle Elum, east of Cle Elum Ridge Road off of Rocky Mountain Road in a portion of Section 9, T.19N., R15E., W.M. The associated parcel number is 19-15-09050-0006. Legal description, site plan and vicinity map are attached within the application documents.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

I. Earth

a. General description of the site (circle one): flat, rolling, **hilly**, steep slopes, mountainous, other. _____

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?
+/- 25% slopes in the southeast portion of the property _____

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland. _____

The soils have not been classified as agricultural on the subject property. The soils associated with the site are rocky with clays, gravel, phylite and heavy Dead Organic Matter (DOM).

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? _____

No history of unstable soils have been reported on the subject property.

e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill. _____

No filling and grading is proposed at this time. No calculations have been made.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. _____

No. This subdivision is not proposing any filling and grading at this time.

g. About what percentage of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? _____

+/- 5% including any future construction of driveways and buildings sites.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: _____

During future construction, ecology blocks and/or silt fencing could be used to prevent erosion in areas that are highly susceptible.

2. AIR

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e. dust, automobiles, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. _____

Temporary emissions associated with construction.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. _____

No.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: _____

Burning debris should be limited to reduce smoke and fire risk in the area.

3. WATER

a.

Surface

1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what streams or river it flows into.

There is an unnamed type 4 creek on the subject property. Buffers have been placed on the preliminary plat.

2) Will the project require any work over, in or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

Access to lot c may require crossing of the creek. No plans are in place at this time to describe the type and length of crossing.

3) Estimate the fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands, and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

None is planned at this time. No calculations have been made.

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

No surface water withdrawals are expected.

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

No. The floodplain of the Yakima River is located +/- 3 miles to the north of the subject property boundary.

6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

No discharge of any materials to surface waters will occur within the scope of the project.

b.

Ground

1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to surface waters? If so, give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Individual/ shared wells are proposed, quantity not yet known.

2) Describe waste materials that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

1 system per household. Size of systems are not yet known, no buildings are proposed.

c.

Water Runoff (including storm water):

1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known).

Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

Runoff from snow melt and rain will be treated and held on the subject property and not allowed to enter surface waters.

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

No. Hazerdous waste materials are not associated with this proposal.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:

Ditching and basins could be used to controll runoff and allow waters to naturally absorb back into the ground.

4. PLANTS

a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- shrubs
- grass
- pasture
- crop or grain
- wet soil plants: cattails, buttercup, bulrush, skunk cabbage, other
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- other types of vegetation: _____

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

A limited amount of shrubs and trees will be removed for road and for SFR construction.

c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

None known at this time.

d. Proposed landscaping use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

The site will remain in a natural state as much as possible.

5. ANIMALS

a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

- birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- mammals: deer, bear, elk, beavers, other:
- fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other: _____

b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

None known at this time.

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c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

No

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any.

Limit fencing to allow wildlife passage through the property.

6. ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the competed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

Wood stoves could be used as a heating source. The majority of energy will be electric. Solar energy will not be discouraged.

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, describe.

No. Use of solar energy will not be discouraged.

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any.

None are included in the preliminary plat plans. Energy conservation of future landowners should be encouraged.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

There are no health hazards associated with this proposal.

1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.
Fire and EMS may be required during construction and permanent occupancy.

2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any. **None proposed with this application.**

b. Noise
1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example, traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

None that would affect this proposal.

2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

Temp noise associated with residential construction. Noise will meet Kittitas County noise ordinance regulations.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any.

Limit the hours of operations per Kittitas County noise ordinance.

8. LAND AND SHORELINE USE

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

Adjacent properties are residential or vacant.

b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

No. The subject property is hilly and not used for agriculture.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

None

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

No.

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?
Rural-5
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?
Rural

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?
Does not exist on the subject property.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as an:
 environmentally sensitive area?
None known

i. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?
None

j. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? 8-10

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any.
No impacts are associated with this proposal.

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any.

9. HOUSING A preapplication meeting may be used to determine consistency.

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle or low-income housing.
3 SFR's and accessory units

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle or low-income housing.
None

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any.
CC&R's are created to reduce and structure the types of housing within the development.

10. AESTHETICS

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?
No structures are proposed at this time.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?
No views will be altered.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any.
Again, CC&R's are created to control aesthetic impacts, if any.

11. LIGHT AND GLARE

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?
Light from future residential development may occur in the future mostly from SFR's. Road lighting is not proposed at this time.

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

No.

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

Nothing that currently exists.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any.

All future lighting will be pointed down and away from other residences.

12. RECREATION

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

Hiking, skiing, sleding, snow mobiling, trails, bird and animal watching.

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses?

If so, describe. No recreational uses exist on the site at this time.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

None proposed at this time.

13. HISTORIC AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION

a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.

The subject property is not listed on any local, state or federal preservation or archaeological register.

b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.

Development in the area has shown no signs of any historical/ cultural importance.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any.

If evidence of cultural or historic significance is discovered on the subject property, the state department of archaeology will be contacted.

14. TRANSPORTATION

a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

The subject property will be served via private road off of Rocky Mountain Road, a private road. Secondary access is proposed thru the Apple Tree Plat to Graham Road.

b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

No. Public transit exists only in Ellensburg, and on a limited scale.

- c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate? _____
Up to 9 new parking locations could be created. _____
- d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). _____
Yes, an internal road system will serve the proposed lots. The new road will serve only the proposed lots. _____
- e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. _____
The only official mode of transportation to and from the subject property is motor vehicle. _____
- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur. _____
Depending if future landowners are part time or full time residences, TPD could vary from 0-30. _____
- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any. _____
None proposed at this time. _____

15. PUBLIC SERVICE

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. _____
The project, as it stands, should not create a need for any additional public services within the district. _____
- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. _____
Firewise building and site practices could be used to lessen the need for public services. _____

16. UTILITIES

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse services, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other. _____
- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the services, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed. _____
Power, water by individual well, telephone, cable, wood stoves, natural gas and onsite septic could all be used. _____

C. SIGNATURE

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: See ATTACHED

Date: _____

c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

Up to 9 new parking locations could be created.

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g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any.

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Signature: Phillip Lesh

Date: 8/18/08

Print Name: _____

THE REMAINING QUESTIONS ARE EXCLUSIVELY FOR REZONE APPLICANTS AND FOR AMENDMENTS TO COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND CODE. UNLESS THESE APPLY TO YOU, THIS IS THE END OF THE SEPA CHECKLIST.

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST QUESTIONS FOR NON-PROJECT ACTIONS ONLY. WHEN ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS, BE AWARE THE EXTENT OF THE PROPOSAL, OR THE TYPE OF ACTIVITIES LIKELY TO RESULT FROM THE PROPOSAL, WOULD AFFECT AN ITEM AT A GREATER INTENSITY OR AT A FASTER RATE THAN IF THE PROPOSAL WERE NOT IMPLEMENTED. RESPOND BRIEFLY AND IN GENERAL TERMS (ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY)

FOR STAFF USE

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise? Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases. _____

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish or marine life? Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish or marine life. _____

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources? Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources. _____

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands? Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts. _____

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses? Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impact. _____

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities? Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s). _____

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.
