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January 22, 2010

Cruse & Associates
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RE: Transmittal of Comments – Dicken Luft Short Plat (SP-09-00013)

Dear Mr. Cruse:

Enclosed are the comments received regarding the Sky Sweeper Short Plat (SP-07-153) during the comment period:

August 18, 2009	Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue – Rich Elliott
September 29, 2009	Kittitas County Department of Public Works – Christina Wollman
August 25, 2009	Washington State Department of Ecology – Gwen Clear
August 20, 2009	Kittitas County Public Health – James Rivard

Please review all comments and notify me of any questions. I will be issuing the Conditional Preliminary Approval based on the comments received.

Sincerely,

Jeff Watson
Staff Planner



To Protect and Promote the Health and the Environment of the People of Kittitas County

August 20, 2009

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Community Development Services
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RE: Dicken/Luft Short Plat SP-09-00013

Dear Mr. Watson,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Dicken/Luft Short Plat, SP-09-00013. All residential well connections serving the proposed lots shall be required to have meters installed. Metering results shall be recorded in a manner consistent with Kittitas County and the State of Washington, Department of Ecology requirements. This requirement to meter only applies if you rely upon the RCW 90.44.050 exemption from permitting through ecology.

The final plat notes shall include the following two statements:

"The approval of this division of land includes no guarantee that there is a legal right to withdraw groundwater within the land division. The approval of this division of land provides no guarantee that use of water under the ground water exemption (RCW 90.44.050) for this plat or any portion thereof will not be subject to curtailment by the Department of Ecology or a court of law. "

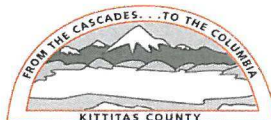
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"Metering will be required on all new residential well connections and metering results shall be recorded in a manner consistent with Kittitas County and Washington State Department of Ecology requirements."

The Public Health Department's recommendation shall state that final approval be conditioned upon the developer/owner of the plat providing proof of water availability. Water availability can be provided through several different ways depending on the source of water proposed.

If a public water system is proposed for the plat, the public water system information shall be submitted and reviewed by Kittitas County Public Health Department or the State of Washington, Department of Health which includes final issuance of the well ID number to meet the water availability requirement for plat approval.

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If individual wells are proposed for the parcels and there is an existing well located on the plat, a well log from the State of Washington, Department of Ecology and a passing bacteriological test will meet the water availability requirement.

At this time the application does not contain sufficient information to make a determination of adequate water availability or soil assessment to determine the land area is suitable for onsite sewage systems. The above mentioned items need to be submitted to the Public Health Department in order for the plat application to be recommended for approval.

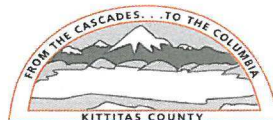
If you should have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact me by phone 509-962-7005 or email james.rivard@co.kittitas.wa.us.

Sincerely,

James Rivard

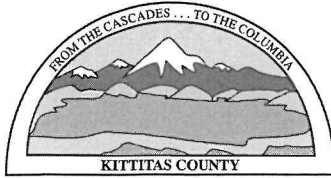
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jeff Watson, Community Development Services

FROM: Christina Wollman, Planner II *CW*

DATE: September 29, 2009

SUBJECT: Dicken Luft Short Plat SP-09-00013

Our department has reviewed the short plat application and has the following comments:

- “Conditional Preliminary Approval”** is recommended based on the information provided. See below for conditions of preliminary approval.
- “Additional Information Requested”**. Prior to continuing the approval process for the submitted development, additional information is requested for analysis.

The following shall be conditions of preliminary approval:

1. Timing of Improvements: This application is subject to the latest revision of the Kittitas County Road Standards, dated 9/6/05. The following conditions apply and must be completed prior to the issuance of a building permit for any of the residence within this plat. A Performance Bond or acceptable financial guarantee may be used, in lieu of the required improvements, per the conditions outlined in the current Kittitas County Road Standards.
2. Access: No. 6 Road is classified as a Rural Minor Collector and all accesses must meet the 300' spacing requirement. A single-use driveway may be used to access Lot A1. A joint-use access may be used to access Lots B1 and B2. If access to Lots B1 and B2 is from Easement AFN 200808180015, the road must be constructed to Low Density standards as shown below, and a cul-de-sac constructed at the end of the road.
3. Joint-Use Driveway: A joint-use access shall serve no more than two tax parcels. See Kittitas County Road Standards, 9/6/05 edition.
 - a. Access easements shall be a minimum of 20' wide. The roadway width shall have a minimum width of 12'.
 - b. The surface requirement is for a minimum gravel surface depth of 6".
 - c. Maintenance of driveway approaches shall be the responsibility of the owner whose property they serve. The County will not maintain accesses.

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- d. Any further subdivision or lots to be served by proposed access may result in further access requirements.

Single-Use Driveway: A single-use access shall serve no more than one lot. See Kittitas County Road Standards, 9/6/05 edition.

- a. The roadway shall be a minimum of 8' wide with gravel surface.
 - b. Maintenance of driveway approaches shall be the responsibility of the owner whose property they serve. The County will not maintain accesses.
 - c. Any further subdivision or lots to be served by proposed access may result in further access requirements.
4. Plat Note: Plat note 11 referring to determining access at the time of development shall be removed from the final plat.
5. Private Road Certification: Private roads serving any of the lots within this development shall be inspected and certified by a licensed professional engineer for conformance with current Kittitas County Road Standards, 9/6/05 edition. Kittitas County Public Works shall require this road certification to be completed prior to the issuance of a building permit for any of the structures within the proposed plat.
6. Private Road Improvements: Access shall be constructed as a Low-Density Private Road. See Kittitas County Road Standards, 9/6/05 edition.
- a. Access easements shall be a minimum of 60' wide. The roadway shall have a minimum width of 20', with 1' shoulders, for a total width of 22'.
 - b. Minimum centerline radius will be 60'.
 - c. The surface requirement is for a minimum gravel surface depth of 6".
 - d. Maximum grade is 12%.
 - e. Stopping site distance, reference AASHTO.
 - f. Entering site distance, reference AASHTO.
 - g. Maintenance of driveway approaches shall be the responsibility of the owner whose property they serve. The County will not maintain accesses.
 - h. Any further subdivision or lots to be served by proposed access may result in further access requirements.
 - i. All roads located within this development or roads that provide access to this development shall be constructed to current county road standards unless any other maintenance agreements, forest service road easements or state easements require higher road standards. The higher of the road standards shall apply.
 - j. All easements shall provide for AASHTO radius at the intersection of county road.
 - k. A paved apron shall be constructed at the intersection of the proposed private intersection and the county road right of way.

7. Cul-de-Sac: A cul-de-sac turn-around having an outside right-of-way or easement diameter of at least 110 feet shall be constructed at the closed end of all dead-end roads serving 3 or more lots. The driving surface shall be at least 96 feet in diameter. Cul-de-sacs must also conform to the requirements specified by the 2006 International Fire Code. Contact the Fire Marshal regarding any additional cul-de-sac requirements.
8. Private Road Maintenance Agreement: The applicant shall meet all applicable conditions of any pre-established or required Private Road Maintenance Agreements.
9. Lot Closure: It is the responsibility of the Professional Licensed Surveyor (PLS) to ensure the lot closures are correct and accurate.
10. Access Permit: An approved access permit shall be required from the Department of Public Works prior to creating any new driveway access or performing work within the county road right of way.
11. Addressing: Contact the Kittitas County Rural Addressing Coordinator at (509) 962-7523 to obtain addresses prior to obtaining a building permit. A parcel cannot receive a building permit or utilities until such parcel is identified with a 911 address.
12. Fire Protection: Contact the Kittitas County Fire Marshal regarding any additional access requirements for Emergency Response.
13. Mailbox Placement: Mailboxes must be approved by U.S. Postal Service. Mailbox locations are site specific. Contact your local Post Office for location and design standards before beginning construction.

Current Kittitas County Road Standards, as adopted 9/6/05.

Chapter 12 – PRIVATE ROADS

12.12.010 General

Private roads shall meet the following conditions:

1. Private roads shall meet the minimum access requirements of the International Fire Code as adopted by the County, and
2. Shall be designed and constructed in conformance with AASHTO Guidelines for Geometric Design of Very Low-Volume Local Roads (ADT < 400) 2001, as now exists or hereafter amended, and
3. Shall be inspected and certified by a licensed professional engineer for conformance with the above referenced standards. In the alternative, an applicant may request the private roadway to be inspected and subject to the approval of the Public Works Director. If certification by the public Works Director/County Engineer is desired, submission of road plans and necessary testing documentation that confirms compliance with Kittitas County Road Standards is required, and services will be performed on a reimbursable basis, and

4. Permanently established by an easement recorded with the Kittitas County Auditor or right-of-way, providing legal access to each affected lot, dwelling unit, or business, and
5. Will not result in land locking of existing or proposed parcels, and
6. Maintained by the developer or legally responsible owner or homeowners' association or other legal entity made up of all benefited property owners, under the provisions of an acceptable and recorded "Private Road Maintenance Agreement", and
7. Clearly described on the face of the plat, short plat, or other development authorization and clearly signed at street location as a private street or road, for the maintenance of which Kittitas County is not responsible and a disclosure statement of the same is filed with the County Auditor, and
8. The following note shall be placed on the face of the plat, short plat, or other development authorization:

"Kittitas County will not accept private roads for maintenance as public streets or roads until such streets or roads are brought into conformance with current County Road Standards. This requirement will include the hard surface paving of any street or road surfaced originally with gravel."

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.



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Jeff:

August 18, 2009

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I have reviewed the Application for the Dicken Luft Short Plat SP-09-13. I provide review of proposed development and construction for Kittitas County Fire District 2. The Fire District has no code enforcement authority so my input is informational only.

I have a couple of questions or issues that I would ask that you address in this process:

1. The fire department access road to be 20' wide and capable of support 75,000 lbs with an all-weather surface.
2. The addresses need to be clearly visible from both directions at the county road for all properties.
3. The fire flow requirements for residential development is listed at 1500 gpm for 2 hours in Appendix B of the 2006 IFC. KVFR's position on the fire flow is that this requirement may be met any one of the following three ways:
 - i. Installation of a static water source which meets the above listed flow requirement. The static water source must be accessible for fire apparatus at all times, have an access surface capable of supporting 75,000 lbs in all weather and be kept clear of debris or ice in a manner sufficient to permit drafting of fire suppression water.
 - ii. The developer could sign a binding agreement to require NFPA 13R sprinkler systems in all residential structures or structures that will be used as a residence.
 - iii. The developer/owner would pay a water supply mitigation fee to Kittitas County in the amount of \$1000.00 per approved lot. This money would be placed in a restricted account and used solely for the capitol purchase or major maintenance on the water tender fleet for Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue.

Thank you for your time and consideration in these matters.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rich Elliott".

Rich Elliott – Deputy Fire Chief
Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue

CC – John Sinclair, Fire Chief
Joe Seemiller, Fire Prevention Captain
Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue Commissioners



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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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August 25, 2009

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Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the short plat of approximately 50.6 acres into 4 lots within the Commercial Ag zoning district, proposed by Doug Dicken and Tom/Teresa Luft [SP-09-00013]. We have reviewed the application and have the following comments.

Shorelands/Environmental Assistance

A wetland reconnaissance/delineation should be completed on site before development is allowed to occur on parcels created by the subdivision. A review of aerial photos shows that features similar to that which appear in the parcels proposed for short plat are displayed as wetlands in properties (parcel 037-12307) just to the south. The water levels in the adjacent lake to the west are very close to the surface and shallow groundwater is likely contributing to the lake levels.

Buffers or setbacks from any development on the created lots should be put in place which will assure that the functions of the lake and the wetlands (if present) will be protected. The size of the buffers should be consistent with Best Available Science (BAS). Buffers cited in BAS are assumed to be intact (vegetated with native vegetation), so if the buffer areas have been farmed or grazed, then remedial measures (such as planting of native shrub or forest cover) should occur or the buffer sizes should be increased.



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Guidance on the appropriate buffer sizes to protect wetland functions from different types of development in Eastern Washington can be found in the publication "Wetland Mitigation in Washington State Part 1" (publication # 06-06-011a) on line at www.ecy.wa.gov.

If you have any questions concerning the Shorelands/Environmental Assistance comments, please contact Catherine Reed at (509) 575-2616.

Water Resources

No water right records associated with this property were found in the Central Regional Office.

Any surface water diversion will require application to the Department of Ecology for a water right permit.

Any ground water withdrawals in excess of 5,000 gallons per day or for the irrigation of more than ½ acre of lawn or noncommercial garden will require a permit from the Department of Ecology.

Chapter 173-150 WAC provides for the protection of existing rights against impairment, i.e. interruption or interference in the availability of water. If water supply in your area becomes limited your use could be curtailed by those with senior water rights.

The Attorney General's Opinion, (AGO 1997 No. 6) regarding the status of exempt ground water withdrawals, states that a group of wells drilled by the same person or group of persons, at or about the same time, in the same area, for the same purpose or project should be considered a single withdrawal and would not be exempt from the permitting requirement contained in RCW 90.44.050, if the total amount withdrawn for domestic use exceeds 5,000 gallons per day or if a total of more than .5 acre of lawn and garden are irrigated.

The Attorney General's opinion suggests that caution should be used in finding developments to be exempt from needing a water right permit if the possibility exists that

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the development of the project will result in the ultimate withdrawal of water in excess of 5,000 gallons per day or the irrigation of more than .5 acre of lawn and garden.

If you have any questions concerning the Water Resources comments, please contact Kurt Walker at (509) 454-4237.

Water Quality

Dividing or platting of a piece of property is often the first step in a proposed development. If a subsequent individual or common plan of development exceeds 1 acre of disturbed ground in size an NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit may be required. Ground disturbance includes all utility placements and building or upgrading existing roads. The process requires going through SEPA, developing a stormwater pollution prevention plan, submitting an application and a 30 day public notice process. This may take 45-60 days. A permit and a stormwater plan are required prior to beginning ground-breaking activities. Please contact Lynda Jamison with the Department of Ecology, (509) 575- 2434, with questions about this permit.

Sincerely,



Gwen Clear
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