



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

August 20, 2009

Jeff Watson, Staff Planner  
Community Development Services  
411 N Ruby Street, Suite 2  
Ellensburg, WA 98926

RE: Thoennes Short Plat SP-09-00014

Dear Mr. Watson,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Thoennes Short Plat, SP-09-00014. 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. "*

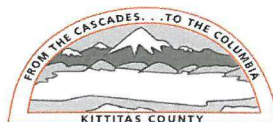
**AND**

*"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. The above mentioned item needs to be submitted to the Public Health Department in order for the plat application to be recommended for approval.

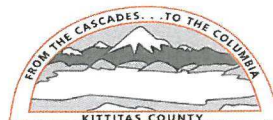
If you should have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact me by phone 509-962-7005 or email [james.rivard@co.kittitas.wa.us](mailto:james.rivard@co.kittitas.wa.us).

Sincerely,

*James Rivard*

James Rivard  
Environmental Health Supervisor  
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## Jeff Watson

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**From:** Keli Bender [krd.keli@fairpoint.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 01, 2009 3:11 PM  
**To:** Jeff Watson  
**Subject:** Thoennes

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Good afternoon Jeff;

This is in regards to the Thoennes Short Plat SP-09-00014. Mr. Thoennes has met all of the requirements set forth in the KRD General Guidelines, therefore, this short plat has been approved. If you need additional information, please let me know.

Keli

Keli R. Bender

KRD Lands Clerk/RRA

[krd.keli@elltel.net](mailto:krd.keli@elltel.net)

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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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August 28, 2009

E-MAIL RCVD ON THIS DATE

Jeff Watson  
Kittitas County Community Development  
411 N. Ruby St., Suite 2  
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the short plat of approximately 22 acres into 2 lots, proposed by Chris Thoennes [SP-09-00014]. We have reviewed the application and have the following comments.

#### **Water Resources**

Water Source is not indicated. 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, industrial purposes, stock watering or for the irrigation of up to one-half acre of 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.

On March 28, 2002 the Washington State Supreme Court ruled that the RCW 90.44.050 permit exemption does not apply where a developer of a residential subdivision proposes multiple wells to serve each lot in the development because in combination, the withdrawal will exceed the exemption criteria.



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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.

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

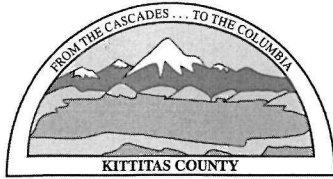
### **Water Quality**

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  
Environmental Review Coordinator  
Central Regional Office  
(509) 575-2012



**KITITAS COUNTY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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**MEMORANDUM**

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TO: Jeff Watson, Community Development Services  
FROM: Christina Wollman, Planner II *CW*  
DATE: August 20, 2009  
SUBJECT: Thoennes Short Plat SP-09-00014

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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.
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**The following shall be conditions of preliminary approval:**

1. Access: Access shall be from the existing driveways.
2. Plat Notes: Plat notes shall reflect the following:
  - a. Maintenance of the access is the responsibility of the property owners who benefit from its use.
  - b. An approved access permit will 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.
  - c. Any further subdivision or lots to be served by proposed access may result in further access requirements. See Kittitas County Road Standards.
  - d. A public utility easement 10 feet in width is reserved along all lot lines. The 10 foot easement shall abut the exterior plat boundary and shall be divided 5 feet on each side of interior lot lines. Said easement shall also be used for irrigation.
3. Plat Approvals: All plats must show the acceptance signature of the County Engineer. The acceptance block shall be as follows (per KCC 16.24.170):

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This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kittitas County Engineer

4. Private Road Maintenance Agreement: The applicant shall meet all applicable conditions of any pre-established or required Private Road Maintenance Agreements.
5. Lot Closure: It is the responsibility of the Professional Licensed Surveyor (PLS) to ensure the lot closures are correct and accurate.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.



# KITTITAS VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE

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August 18, 2009

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Jeff:

I have reviewed the Application for the Thoennes Short Plat SP-09-14. 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