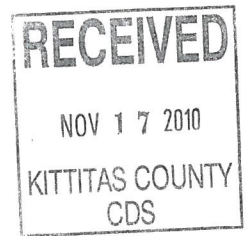




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Jeff Watson
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Re: SP-10-00013

Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the short subdivision of approximately 48.19 acres into 4 lots, proposed by Scott Anderson. We have reviewed the application and have the following comments.

Shorelands/Environmental Assistance

A review of aerial photos shows that the wetlands on site may be more extensive than that which is identified on the NWI map for the parcel. A wetland delineation report should be required to confirm the extent of wetlands on these parcels before the short plat is approved to assure that there is the capability of buildable area on each parcel without extensive damage to wetland areas. Ecology would be happy to assist the County with a wetland report review and/or field review to verify the accuracy of the generated wetland report.

Parcels should be configured in such a way so that access to and development of the parcels can occur without impact to the wetlands on site. If there are impacts to wetlands on site, then additional permits from Ecology or the Corps of Engineers may be required before development can occur. It appears that if a road is built within the easement to the south (which connects with Watson Road) that there could be up to half an acre of wetland impact. Other access routes to the proposed parcels should be required so that



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impacts to wetlands can be avoided. It appears that there might be other options using an existing driveway to the west off Watson Road for parcel F2 and access to the other parcels from either Naneum Road or from a new driveway from the north which could be an extension of Game Farm Road.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Shorelands/Environmental Assistance comments, please contact Catherine Reed at (509) 575-2616.

Water Quality

Dividing or platting of a piece of property is often the first step in a proposed development. An NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit may be required if a subsequent individual or common plan of development that has potential for stormwater discharge from a construction site with disturbed ground. 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,



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