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"Building Partnerships – Building Communities"

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SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

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.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals: [\[help\]](#)


For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

APPLICATION FEES:

\$600.00 Kittitas County Community Development Services (KCCDS)
\$250.00 Kittitas County Department of Public Works
\$415.00 Kittitas County Public Health

\$1,265.00 Total fees due for this application (One check made payable to KCCDS)

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Application Received by (CDS Staff Signature): 	DATE: 11-27-18	RECEIPT# (D180000) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> RECEIVED NOV 27 2018 Kittitas County CDS </div>
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A. Background [\[help\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: [\[help\]](#)

Sparks Road

2. Name of applicant: [\[help\]](#)

Nathan Weis

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: [\[help\]](#)

509-649-2211, PO Box 171, Roslyn, WA 98941

4. Date checklist prepared: [\[help\]](#)

28, November, 2017

5. Agency requesting checklist: [\[help\]](#)

Kittitas County

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): [\[help\]](#)

Clearing and grading tentatively planned for Fall, 2018. Construction start spring 2019.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. [\[help\]](#)

Future plans are not a part of this proposal. Any future development will have a new proposal.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. [\[help\]](#)

A drainage report complete with a downstream analysis, and a draft SWPPP have been developed for this project.

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. [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. [\[help\]](#)

Access Permit, Grading Permit

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.) [\[help\]](#)

The purpose of this project is to design and construct a road to serve as an access to the site from Sparks Road with minimal changes to the topography. The project site is 16.51 acres. A portion of the site will be cleared and grubbed prior to the construction of the road. A future phase will involve the installation of water, septic sewer, and power utility services for a proposed small office building.

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. [\[help\]](#)

The project is located off of Sparks Rd in Easton, WA, within Tax Parcel No. 7778834. It is in the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 2, Township 20 North, Range 13 East W.M. See the attached plan set for the vicinity map and site plan.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS [\[help\]](#)

1. Earth [\[help\]](#)

a. General description of the site: [\[help\]](#) Predominantly gently rolling, with steep slope up to Sparks Road (circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other _____

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? [\[help\]](#)

50% on the slope from Sparks road, 10.8% on the remainder of the site

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 agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils. [\[help\]](#)

Kladnick, ashy sandy loam with 0 to 3% slopes. It is part of HSG A, and is well drained, with a high infiltration rate.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

None have been observed.

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill. [\[help\]](#)

9000 cubic yards of fill will need to be imported in order to construct the road at 2% and tie into Sparks Road.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

Temporary and permanent erosion control methods will be used to ensure the project site and surrounding area are not impacted by erosion.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? [\[help\]](#)

0.28 acres of the site will be paved, meaning that 1.7% of the site will be impervious after project completion.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: [\[help\]](#)

As described in full detail in the SWPPP, maintaining existing vegetation, straw wattles, silt fence, seeding, surface roughening, crushed rock placement, and dust control will be used to reduce/control erosion

2. Air [\[help\]](#)

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#)

Asphalt preparation for the paved road will result in emissions briefly during the construction phase. Dust emissions will result from the on-site grading and filling.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: [\[help\]](#)

As described fully in the SWPPP, disturbed ground will be covered when not being worked on, watering of the site will occur as needed to reduce dust production, and slopes will be stabilized with seeding.

3. Water [\[help\]](#)

a. Surface Water:

- 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 stream or river it flows into. [\[help\]](#)

No surface water bodies are located on or in the immediate vicinity of the site.

- 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. [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable

- 3) Estimate the amount of 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. [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#)

No

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. [\[help\]](#)

No, project is outside of the 100-year floodplain

- 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. [\[help\]](#)

No waste materials will be discharged from the site.

b. Ground Water:

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#)

No

- 2) Describe waste material 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. [\[help\]](#)

No waste material will be discharged into the ground

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

- 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. [\[help\]](#)

Stormwater will be the only source runoff. Full dispersion and buffer zones will be used to address stormwater.

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No, waste materials will not enter ground or surface waters.

- 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

No, existing drainage patterns are maintained on the site.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Full dispersion, maintaining existing vegetation, and a grass lined swale will be part of the stormwater plan.

4. Plants [\[help\]](#)

- a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site: [\[help\]](#)

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- shrubs
- grass
- pasture
- crop or grain
- Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
- wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, 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? [\[help\]](#)

0.86 acres will be cleared of all vegetation including shrubs and trees.

- c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

No threatened or endangered species are known to be on or near the site.

- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Disturbance will be minimized to only grade in the road. Fill slopes will be seeded with hydroseed or native plant species.

- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

No noxious weeds or invasive species are known to be on or near the site.

5. Animals [\[help\]](#)

- a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

None observed at this time but site is forested in an area that provides habitat for many woodland species.
Examples include:

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

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

No threatened or endangered species are known to be on or near the site.

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. [\[help\]](#)

No

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

None known at this time.

6. Energy and Natural Resources [\[help\]](#)

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

Fuel will be used to run the construction equipment during the construction phase. No energy usage in completed stage.

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No

- 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: [\[help\]](#)

None

7. Environmental Health [\[help\]](#)

- 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. [\[help\]](#)

No

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses. [\[help\]](#)

No known contamination

- 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and

design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity. [\[help\]](#)

No known hazards

- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project. [\[help\]](#)

No toxic chemicals

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required. [\[help\]](#)

None

- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None

b. Noise [\[help\]](#)

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? [\[help\]](#)

Interstate 90 is close enough to the project that traffic noise is assumed to be present. There is an existing gas station and service shop adjacent to the project site property with traffic in and out during business hours.

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

Construction equipment would cause increased noise on the site during the daylight hours on a short-term basis. No long-term noise levels.

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Vegetated buffers will remain to help dampen the construction noise.

8. Land and Shoreline Use [\[help\]](#)

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

The adjacent properties consist of rural, rural residential, and forest and range land. Nearby there is the Wenatchee Nation Forest, Department of Natural Resources land, and the Silver Ridge Ranch. This proposal will not affect those lands.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use? [\[help\]](#)

No/None

- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how: [\[help\]](#)

No

- c. Describe any structures on the site. [\[help\]](#)

None

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? [\[help\]](#)

No

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? [\[help\]](#)

General Commercial, Forest and Range, LAMIRDs

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? [\[help\]](#)

LAMIRD- Limited Area of More Intensive Rural Development

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify. [\[help\]](#)

No

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? [\[help\]](#)

None

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? [\[help\]](#)

None

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

No displacement impacts

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: [\[help\]](#)

The proposed project will not change the land use and plans for the area. This project only involves the development of an access road to the site.

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None

9. Housing [\[help\]](#)

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [\[help\]](#)

No housing units as part of the project

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [\[help\]](#)

No housing units will be eliminated as part of this project.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None

10. Aesthetics [\[help\]](#)

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? [\[help\]](#)

No proposed structures

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? [\[help\]](#)

None

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Vegetated buffers will be utilized on the site.

11. Light and Glare [\[help\]](#)

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? [\[help\]](#)

The proposal will not produce any light or glare.

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? [\[help\]](#)

No, not applicable.

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? [\[help\]](#)

None

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

No light or glare impacts.

12. Recreation [\[help\]](#)

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? [\[help\]](#)

The site borders DNR land and the Silver Ridge Ranch, both of which have multiple recreational uses, such as hiking, camping, horse riding, snowmobiling, etc.

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

There is no existing permitted recreation use associated with the property.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: [\[help\]](#)

No impacts on recreation opportunities

13. Historic and cultural preservation [\[help\]](#)

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe. [\[help\]](#)

No structures or sites are known to be located on the site.

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources. [\[help\]](#)

None have been observed.

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc. [\[help\]](#)

No cultural or historical impacts

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required. [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable

14. Transportation [\[help\]](#)

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. [\[help\]](#)

Access will be off of Sparks Road at the current "T" intersection north of Exit 70 off I-90.

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? [\[help\]](#)

No. The nearest bus stop is in Cle Elum, WA, 15 miles away.

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate? [\[help\]](#)

None/None

- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). [\[help\]](#)
The proposed access road will impact the Sparks Road intersection (public). Guardrail will be removed and new guardrail will tie the existing guardrail into the project site at the intersection.

- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates? [\[help\]](#)

No vehicle trips are anticipated with this project.

g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable

15. Public Services [\[help\]](#)

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable

16. Utilities [\[help\]](#)

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: [\[help\]](#)

electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,
other _____

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed. [\[help\]](#)

None

C. Signature [\[help\]](#)

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: _____

Name of signee _____

Position and Agency/Organization _____

Date Submitted: _____

D. supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [\[help\]](#)

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

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 are:

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 are:

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

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 are:

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

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) are:

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

