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May 10th, 2019

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Sent via email

RE: Kittitas County Public Works SEPA (SE-18-00007)

Ms. Gustafson,

Community Development Services (CDS) on April 23, 2019 issued a Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (attached) in regards to the road improvement located on Weihl road from the intersection with Red Bridge Road to the intersection with Loping Lane under the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). Agencies with jurisdiction and interested members of the public were given opportunity to comment on the proposal. The comment period ended May 8, 2019. The following comments were received and are attached:

April 23, 2019	Russel Mau, PhD, Washington Department of Health	Comment Email
April 30, 2019	Elizabeth Torrey, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Comment Letter
May 1, 2019	Holly Erdman, Kittitas County Environmental Health	Comment Email
May 3, 2019	Gwen Clear, Washington State Department of Ecology	Comment Letter

CDS will retain, modify, or withdraw the MDNS based upon the comments received. This is your opportunity to provide a response to comments for CDS to consider. Please provide your response by May 24, 2019. If you do not respond by this deadline CDS will proceed with our decision. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Best Regards,

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CC: Lindsey Ozbolt, Planning Official
Mark Cook, Director, Kittitas County Public Works

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From: [Mau, Russell E. \(DOH\)](#)
To: [Dusty Pilkington](#)
Cc: [Smits, Brenda M. \(DOH\)](#); [Holly Erdman](#)
Subject: RE: SE-19-00007 PW MDNS
Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 11:35:03 AM

Mr. Pilkington:

This project does not entail any public water system components – DOH ODW (Department of Health Office of Drinking Water) does not have any comment.

Thanks,

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Cc: Lindsey Ozbolt <lindsey.ozbolt@co.kittitas.wa.us>; Dan Carlson <dan.carlson@co.kittitas.wa.us>
Subject: SE-19-00007 PW MDNS

Greetings. I am requesting comments on this SEPA MDNS . Anyone with an interest can comment, and the comment period ends May 8, 2019. Click the links below to view information on the permit. If you have no comment on the project, please reply and inform CDS.

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The following documents are attached to this email:

SEPA Checklist

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April 30, 2019

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SUBJECT: WDFW COMMENTS ON SE-19-00007 WEIHL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Dear Mr. Pilkington,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed project SE-19-00007 "Weihl Road Improvement". The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has several comments and questions about this project:

1. The attachment "PW Culvert Clarification Email, Taylor Gustafson" states that only one culvert will be replaced in this project. However, a review of the 90% submittal plan set indicates otherwise. On sheet 6, three culverts are slated for removal; on sheet 8, nine culverts are indicated for installation. Please clarify.
2. WDFW concurs that the installation of the nine culverts shown in the plan set are exempt from Hydraulic Project Approval regulation. However, we would like to offer the recommendation that you consider upsizing all culverts involved, most especially the culverts which run east-west under Weihl Road, as shown on sheets 8-11. On April 29, 2019, the single existing east-west culvert was measured as being 24" diameter. However, the plan sheet shows that the new culverts will be 18" CMP pipes, which means that the one existing pipe will be downsized. Although the number of culverts is increasing, WDFW has firsthand knowledge of the hydrology which can flow downhill towards Red Bridge Road (see Images 1-6). This information should be considered when designing and implementing the Weihl Road project.
3. We recommend that you utilize biotechnical soil stabilization techniques at the base of the east-west culverts where they emerge from the welded wire wall. The flow which will empty from these culverts has the potential to erode the ground at the base of the proposed wall. On sheet 5,

under “Culvert Detail”, quarry spalls are shown for placement beneath the installed culverts. However, we recommend placing a geotextile fabric square, covered with rounded cobbles and planted with willow or dogwood stakes, beneath the outfall of the culverts (see Image 7). This technique has been used to great success in preventing erosion on slopes which are subject to overland, non-channelized flow.

4. Thank you for including the silt fence detail on sheet 5. Please ensure that this silt fence is in place and maintained so as to protect the unnamed tributary prior to and during project activities.
5. The project boundary terminates immediately east of the culvert which carries the unnamed tributary beneath Loping Lane. However, we observe that this culvert is undersized (3’ diameter culvert in a 6’ bank full width channel) and perched with a plunge pool on the downstream end. This culvert should be considered for future correction.
6. The plan set indicates places of “ditch area/restoration area”. However, beyond hydro seeding, no additional information on restoration is provided. WDFW would like to request that you utilize appropriate native seeds from species such as Bluebunch wheatgrass, Sandberg bluegrass, and others. Installing native shrubs will also assist with restoration and soil cohesion. We would be happy to provide planting recommendations if more information is desired.

Thank you again for the opportunity to participate in the SEPA process. Please contact me to discuss WDFW’s recommendations or any of the other comments presented within this letter.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Torrey
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Image 1: Photo taken from Red Bridge Road facing north up the ridge, taken January 2009.

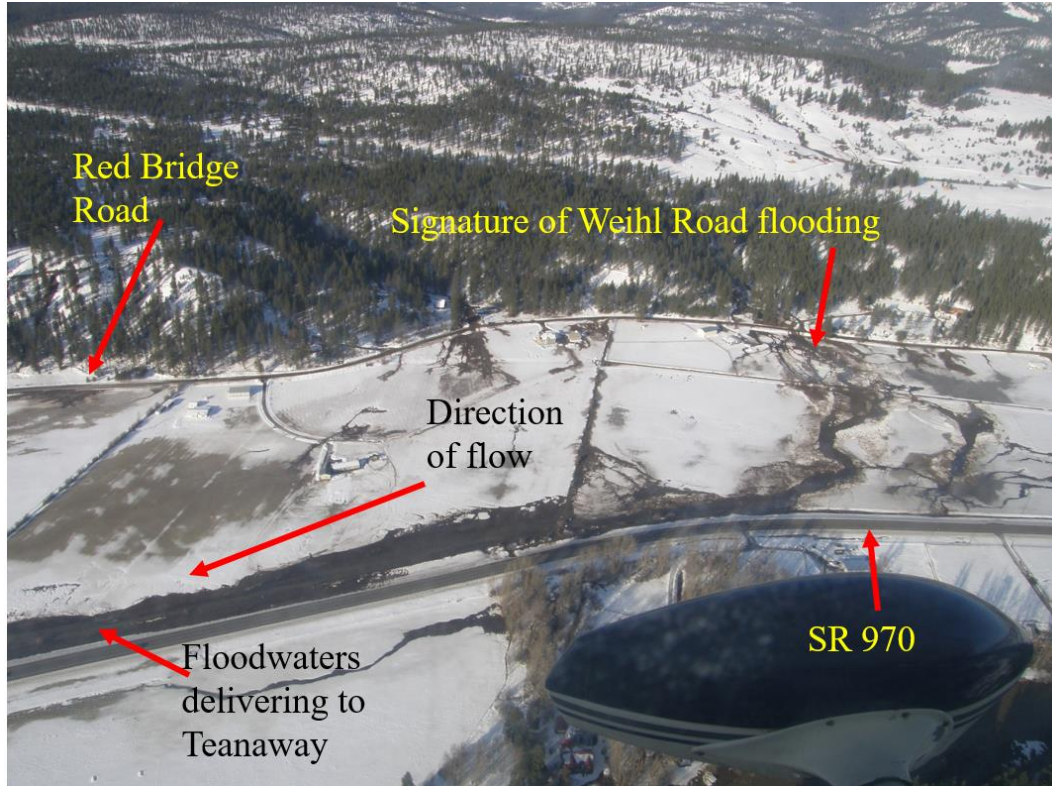


Image 2: Photo taken in January 2009 which shows the floodwaters originating from Weihl Road.

Photo taken from Red Bridge Rd at Weihl Rd. January 09. Muddy water flooding road and fields delivering to Teanaway River.

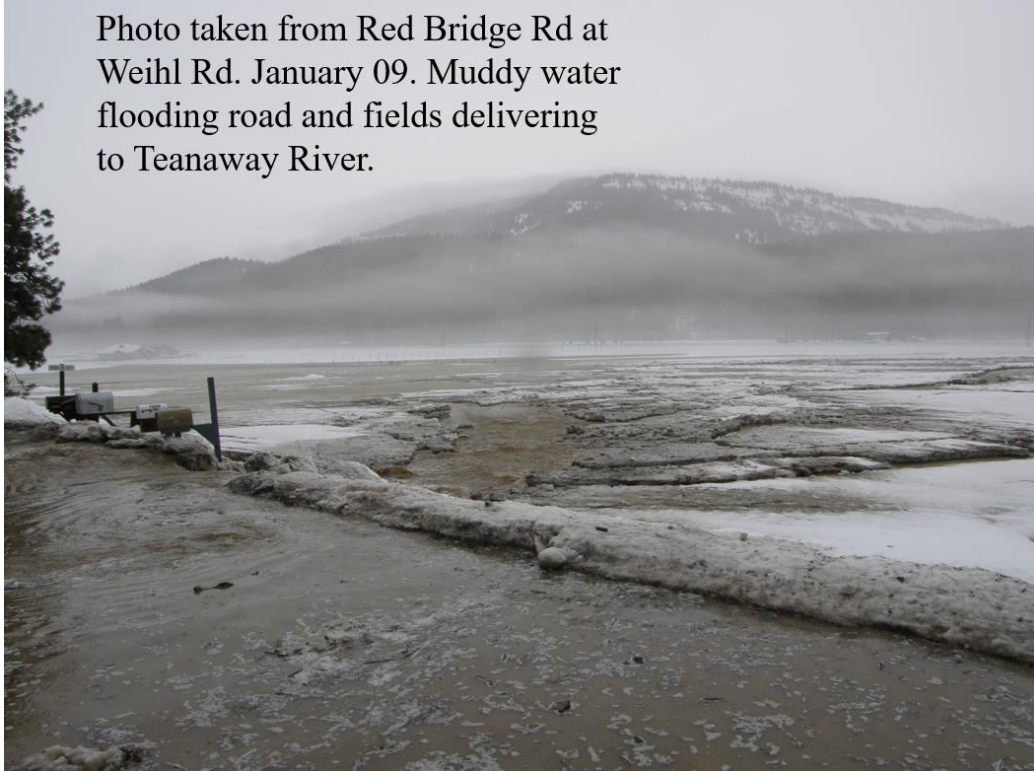


Image 3: Ground level photograph of flood waters running down Weihl Road. Photographer standing on Red Bridge Road.



Image 4: Alternative photo of Weihl Road flooding, January 2009.



Intersection of Red
Bridge Rd. and Weihl
Rd. January 2009

Image 5: Second alternative photo of Weihl Road flooding.



Image 6: Third alternative photo of Weihl Road flooding.

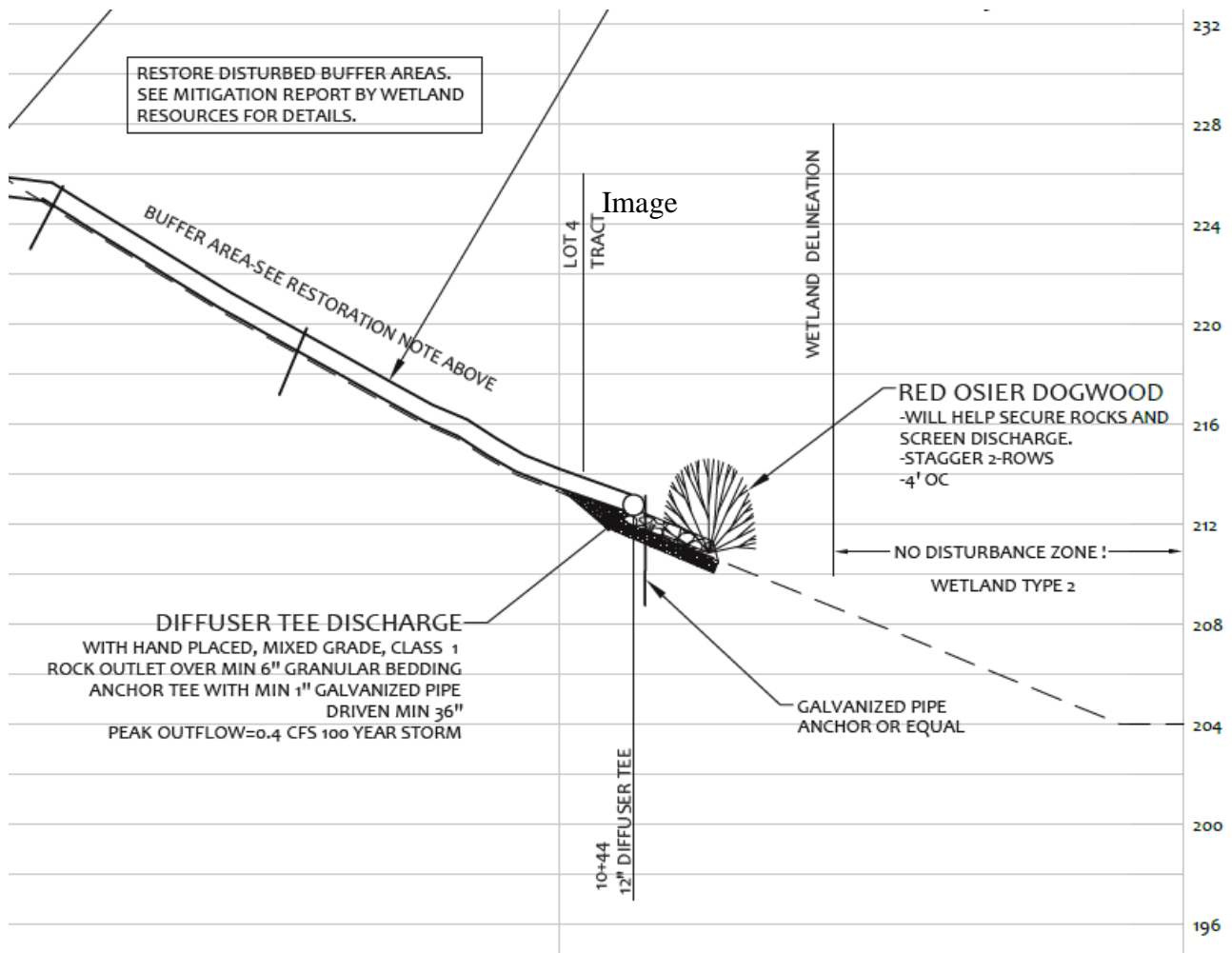


Image 7: Example schematic of a biotechnical approach to outfall stabilization using cobbles and native shrubs.

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From: Holly Erdman
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2019 2:29 PM
To: Dusty Pilkington
Cc: Jesse Cox
Subject: RE: SE-19-00007 PW MDNS

Dusty,

Public Health has no comments or concerns regarding this project.

Thank you,

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May 3, 2019

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Re: SE-19-00007

Dear Dusty Pilkington:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the mitigated determination of nonsignificance for the Wiehl Road Improvement project, proposed by Kittitas County Public Works. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

WATER QUALITY

The proposed project is included in the program area of the Teanaway Temperature Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) water quality improvement program, which addresses water temperature impairments. The proposed project is also included in a separate sediment-reduction TMDL that covers the entire upper Yakima River watershed. Required best management practices for both TMDL programs include prevention of sediment input into the Teanaway River and all its tributaries. At high flows, it appears that the unnamed creek adjacent to Wiehl Road now crosses under Red Bridge Road and enters a roadside ditch. According to the SEPA application, water in roadside ditches in this area is ultimately conveyed to the Teanaway River.

Therefore, it will be important to prevent sediment from entering the unnamed creek during all phases of project work. Sudden intense summer rain storms can occur in the Teanaway valley, and project engineers should be prepared to prevent sediment delivery to the unnamed creek during such an event. In general, all project planning, development, and future use of the site needs to include water quality protection.

Please contact **Jane Creech** by email at jton461@ecy.wa.gov or call (509) 454-7860 if you have any questions about these TMDL programs.

Project with Potential to Discharge Off-Site

If your project anticipates disturbing ground with the potential for stormwater discharge off-site, the NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit is recommended. This permit requires that



Dusty Pilkington
May 3, 2019
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the SEPA checklist fully disclose anticipated activities including building, road construction and utility placements. Obtaining a permit may take 38-60 days.

The permit requires that a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (Erosion Sediment Control Plan) shall be prepared and implemented for all permitted construction sites. These control measures must be able to prevent soil from being carried into surface water and storm drains by stormwater runoff. Permit coverage and erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading, or construction.

In the event that an unpermitted Stormwater discharge does occur off-site, it is a violation of Chapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution Control and is subject to enforcement action.

More information on the stormwater program may be found on Ecology's stormwater website at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/>. Please submit an application or contact **Lloyd Stevens, Jr.** at the Dept. of Ecology, (509) 574-3991, with questions about this permit.

Sincerely,



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