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Kelly,

I am a bit confused here as the SEPA checklist is from 2015. Is this just a renewal of a previous application? Ideally seems they should update the SEPA checklist, though I didn't see anything in the habitat area that appeared to be inaccurate for 2020 conditions.

In addition to environmental elements already listed in the plan, WDFW does have a couple of comments.

1. In between the application areas, there is sagebrush areas, which is a diminishing and priority habitat in the county. WDFW would like to see no new clearing of sagebrush in this area (so application limited to already cleared areas). If additional clearing must occur, then consulting with WDFW for mitigation to clearing would be encouraged.
2. When these fields were originally cleared, they likely contained sagebrush as evidenced by the surrounding areas containing sagebrush. When the fields are no longer desired to be used for this biosolid treatment, WDFW would recommend that sagebrush would be planted as part of a restoration plan as that would help to improve habitat in the area.

Thanks for the opportunity to review.

Scott

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[SE-20-00009 Kittitas County Ryegrass Facility Internal](#)

[SE-20-00009 Kittitas County Ryegrass Facility External](#)

Thank you,

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