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Good afternoon Kelly,

I've just left you a voicemail, hoping to touch base and see if there is documentation for the "Peoh Point Large Lot Sub-Division #03-07" available to review, as I note that the 83 acre parcel involved for the proposed project by Robbie & Bonnie Cape falls within that descriptor on the Kittitas County Compass GIS webpage. **It is likely that by proposing to improve the existing road/driveway to the County standards that this project would constitute conversion to non-forestry, and that the proposal likely will require an approved Class IV-General Forest Practices Application (FPA), prior to ground actions.**

The logic for this is per WAC 222-16-010 "Definitions", those listed for the term Conversion are as follows:

"Conversion activities" means activities associated with conversions of forest land to land uses other than commercial timber operation. These activities may be occurring during or after timber harvest on forest land. They may include but are not limited to the following:

- Preparation for, or installation of, utilities on the forest practices activity site. The development or maintenance of existing rights of way providing utilities exclusively for other ownerships shall not be considered conversions of forest land (see WAC [222-20-010\(5\)](#)).
- Any of, or any combination of, the following activities in preparation for nonforestry use of the land: Grading, filling, or stump removal.
- Preparation for, or construction of, any structure requiring local government approval.
- Construction of, or **improvement of, roads to a standard greater than needed to conduct forest practices activities.**
- Clearing for, or expansion of, rock pits for nonforest practices uses or developing surface mines.

By proposing to improve an existing forest road to county standards, this would be viewed as a conversion activity. Additionally, it would seem that this area has been reviewed in the past at the County level, given the 2003 Peoh Point Large Lot Sub-Division information displayed on Compass. We would like to coordinate with Kittitas County to appropriately capture any conversions to non-forestry (i.e. residential home construction, other development) on these parcels or similar throughout the county, particularly any forestland parcels over 2 acres in size. Look forward to

chatting with you a bit about this project and maybe also broader discussion on conversion projects in general in Kittitas County.

Best regards,

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External Email

Good morning,

CDS is requesting comments on the following SEPA application: SE-22-00002 Cape. Links to the file materials can be found below. The comment period will end Friday, **February 18, 2022 at 5pm**. CDS will assume your agency does not wish to provide comments if not received by this date. Please contact me directly with any questions or issues accessing the materials.

[SE-22-00002 Cape Internal](#)

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Thank you,

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