

From: [Adam Osbekoff](#)
To: [Rachael Stevie \(CD\)](#)
Subject: RE: SE-22-00059 Owens - Notice of Application
Date: Tuesday, July 19, 2022 12:00:17 PM
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Hello Rachael

The Snoqualmie Tribe [Tribe] is a federally recognized sovereign Indian Tribe. We were signatory to the Treaty of Point Elliott of 1855; we reserved certain rights and privileges and ceded certain lands to the United States. As a signatory to the Treaty of Point Elliot, the Tribe specifically reserved among other things, the right to fish at usual and accustomed areas and the “privilege of hunting and gathering roots and berries on open and unclaimed lands” off-reservation throughout the modern-day state of Washington.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. Based on the information provided and our understanding of the project and its APE, we recommend an archeological review performed for this project. This is in an area the Snoqualmie Tribe considers culturally significant and has a moderate probability to have unknown archaeological deposits. We realize that the current request will not cause ground disturbance, in this cases the process leads to development projects that will. If any archaeological work is performed, we request notification. An IDP should not be used in lieu of an archeological investigation. Cultural and archaeological resources are non-renewable and are best discovered prior to ground disturbance.

Thank you

Adam Osbekoff

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From: [Mau, Russell E \(DOH\)](#)
To: [Rachael Stevie \(CD\)](#)
Cc: [Holly Erdman](#); [Smits, Brenda M \(DOH\)](#)
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Ms. Stevie:

The Department of Health (DOH) Office of Drinking Water (ODW) does not have any administrative authority – four homes, even if all interconnected, would constitute a Group B water system that would be fully under Kittitas County Health – but DOH ODW has the following guidance comment:

- The applicant’s approach of seeking “water mitigation certificates from the water bank”, as noted in the SEPA checklist, is “correct”.

DOH has no further comment(s), thanks,

Russell E. Mau, PhD, PE

Regional Engineer

Office of Drinking Water

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Rachael,

Public health has reviewed this application and has no comments or concerns with the proposed project.

Thank you,

Holly Erdman

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August 1, 2022

Rachael Stevie
Kittitas County Community Development
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Ellensburg, WA 98926

Re: 202203640, SE-22-00059

Dear Rachael Stevie:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Optional Determination of Non Significance process for the Owens Access Road. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

WATER RESOURCES

Groundwater Exempt Uses

In Washington State, prospective water users must obtain authorization from the Department of Ecology before diverting surface water or withdrawing ground water, with one exception. Ground water withdrawals of up to 5,000 gallons per day used for single or group domestic supply, up to 5,000 gallons per day used for industrial purposes, stock watering, and for the irrigation of up to one-half acre of non-commercial lawn and garden are exempt from the permitting process. Water use under the RCW 90.44.050 exemption establishes a water right that is subject to the same privileges, restrictions, laws and regulations as a water right permit or certificate obtained directly from Ecology.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Water Resources comments, please contact **Christopher Kossik** at (509) 379-1826 or email at christopher.kossik@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Tricia Sawyer

Tricia Sawyer
Central Regional Office
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Allyson Brooks Ph.D., Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

August 2, 2022

Rachel Stevie
Planner I
Kittitas County
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In future correspondence please refer to:
Project Tracking Code: 2022-08-05093
Property: Kittitas County_Owens Access Road Project (SE-22-00059)
Re: Survey Requested

Dear Rachael Stevie:

Thank you for contacting the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and providing documentation regarding the above referenced project. These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the SHPO in conformance Washington State law. Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised.

Our statewide predictive model indicates that there is a moderate probability of encountering cultural resources within the proposed project area. However, the presence of talus slopes within the project area suggests that culturally significant talus features may be present. Further, the scale of the proposed ground disturbing actions would destroy any archaeological resources present. Identification during construction is not a recommended detection method because inadvertent discoveries often result in costly construction delays and damage to the resource. Therefore, we recommend a professional archaeological survey of the project area be conducted and a report be produced prior to ground disturbing activities. This report should meet DAHP's [Standards for Cultural Resource Reporting](#).

We also recommend that any historic buildings or structures (45 years in age or older) located within the project area are evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places on Historic Property Inventory (HPI) forms. We highly encourage the SEPA lead agency to ensure that these evaluations are written by a cultural resource professional meeting the [SOI Professional Qualification Standards in Architectural History](#).

Please note that the recommendations provided in this letter reflect only the opinions of DAHP. Any interested Tribes may have different recommendations. We appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from Tribes or other parties concerning cultural resource issues that you receive.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. Please ensure that the DAHP Project Tracking Number is shared with any hired cultural resource consultants and is attached to any



communications or submitted reports. Please also ensure that any reports, site forms, and/or historic property inventory (HPI) forms are uploaded to WISAARD by the consultant(s).

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sydney Hanson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

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KITTITAS COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Staff
FROM: Public Works Plan Review Team
DATE: August 2nd, 2022
SUBJECT: SE-22-00059 Owens

ACCESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1.) An approved access permit shall be required from the Kittitas County Department of Public Works prior to creating any new driveway access or altering an existing access. Refer to Chapter 12 of the Kittitas County Code for access requirements.2.) Maintenance of driveway approaches shall be the responsibility of the owner whose property they serve. The County will not maintain accesses.3.) Joint use driveway will require IFC turnaround compliant with Kittitas County Road Standards 12.04.080 and International Fire Code Appendix D.4.) Applicant Currently has a grading permit for grading over 500 cubic yards (GP-22-00015).5.) In addition to the above-mentioned conditions, all applicable Kittitas County Road Standards apply to this proposal. Access is not guaranteed to any existing or created parcel on this application.
ENGINEERING	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The applicant has applied for a grading permit (GP-22-00015). The applicant shall not grade until their grading permit is issued. All conditions in the approved grading permit shall be adhered to.
SURVEY	No comments
FLOOD	No comments



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August 3, 2022

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SUBJECT: WDFW COMMENTS ON SE-22-00059 OWENS ACCESS ROAD

Dear Ms. Stevie,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed project to build an access road near Bettas Road. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has reviewed the application materials and has the following comments for consideration to ensure adequate protection of all Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas.

The four parcels within the project area contain shrubsteppe habitat and provide important habitat for mule deer and elk as well as several other birds and reptiles. WDFW's online Priority Habitats and Species (PHS) map has accurately mapped portions of the project area as shrubsteppe habitat, as mule deer winter range habitat, and as a biodiversity area and migration corridor. More information about the PHS species and habitats can be found at this [website](#).

While we appreciate that actions are proposed to minimize impacts, the project as currently proposed will result in a net loss of shrubsteppe habitat and its associated species. The road and subsequent development may also impact migration of animals through this corridor. WDFW recommends mitigation for these impacts. WDFW would welcome the opportunity to meet on site to begin conversations on how best to achieve this mitigation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment and please let me know if there are any questions about our comments. I can be reached by phone at (509) 961-6639 or email at Jennifer.nelson@dfw.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Nelson".

Jennifer Nelson
Fish and Wildlife Biologist