

From: [Rachael Stevie \(CD\)](#)
To: [Doug Owens](#)
Subject: Re: Owens Mitigation plan
Date: Thursday, September 1, 2022 8:32:29 AM

Good morning Doug,

I am off today, but just received an email from the planning official letting me know that your mitigation plan fulfills the condition of your SEPA determination.

Just wanted to let you know before the weekend! :)

Thank you and have a great weekend.

Rachael Stevie

From: Doug Owens <dougowens78@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:39:42 PM
To: Rachael Stevie (CD)
Subject: Re: Owens Mitigation plan

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Hi Rachel, did you get my mitigation plan? I'm not sure who I was supposed to submit it to but thought you would be that person. Please let me know if I need to do anything different.
Thank you, Doug

On Sun, Aug 28, 2022, 9:53 AM Doug Owens <dougowens78@gmail.com> wrote:

The Owens mitigation plan will consist of the exact recommendations that Jen Nelson from the WDFW felt necessary to maintain the best wildlife habitat. I will attach a copy of her statement.

1. When building the road we will do our best to avoid damaging any woody vegetation while also complying with the county regulations of road grade.
2. After the road is complete we will seed all road shoulders and all areas where the natural ground surfaces were disturbed with native bunch grasses and forbs.
3. Although not a requirement, we will do our best to locate and plant some bitter brush, mock orange and choke cherry on some of the sides of the driveway.
4. We will do all of this after the driveway is complete. Depending on when this project gets done, we will seed before winter or early in the spring so the grasses will have the best chance to germinate and ensure good growth.

Thank You,
Doug Owens



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to Rachael, me



Hi Rachael,

I was able to meet with Mr. Owens onsite today to see the project area. As I understand it, he appears to be minimizing disturbance as much as possible while meeting everyone's regulations. Given the steep slopes onsite, we anticipate the future building locations to be toward the top of the hill (eastern portions of the parcels) such that the existing diverse vegetation on the steeper slope will largely be undisturbed and remain good wildlife habitat.

We do recommend avoiding existing woody vegetation as much as possible during road construction and that all disturbed areas be seeded with native bunch grasses and forbs. Additional native plantings of bitter brush, choke cherry, mock orange and ponderosa pine would be beneficial as well, but the grass seeding will be the most critical mitigation component moving forward.

Thanks very much for your consideration of fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas! Please let me know if you have any questions about our recommendations.

Cheers,

Jen

Jennifer Nelson

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