

From: [WSDOT Aviation Land Use Inquiries and Application Submittals](#)
To: [Jeremiah Cromie](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] SE-23-00006 Snoqualmie Pass Utility District - Notice of Application
Date: Thursday, April 6, 2023 12:56:24 PM

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M Cromie,

WSDOT Aviation Division reviewed this proposal on 04/06/2023. No comments.

Cheers,

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From: [John Storch](#)
To: [Jeremiah Cromie](#)
Cc: [Joe Dietzel](#); [George Long](#)
Subject: RE: SE-23-00006 Snoqualmie Pass Utility District - Notice of Application
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 9:59:24 AM
Attachments: [SE-23-00006 Snoqualmie Pass Utility District Notice of Application.pdf](#)
[SE-23-00006 Snoqualmie Pass Utility District SEPA Checklist.pdf](#)

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Good Morning Jeremiah,

In regards to this project. KITTCOM recommends project have an assessment performed (and mitigation if needed implemented) for Emergency Responder Radio coverage as per [Washington Administrative Code \(WAC\) 51-54A-0510](#).

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Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 1:33:45 PM

In observation of John's expertise in the radio communications industry, I will also recommend this assessment take place and mitigate as needed per the results of the assessment. Thanks again.

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Subject: SEPA Review - SE-23-00006 Snoqualmie Pass Utility District - Notice of Application WO 105099713 11931894 RW-130089
Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 5:09:06 PM
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Good Afternoon Jeremiah,

I received your inquiry request in relation to the proposed wastewater treatment facilities improvements. My group is responsible for the Kittitas County territory of commercial and residential electric and gas service. Other PSE groups may or may not have additional commentary.

PSE has facilities that serve the District's property located in the Northeasterly portion of the property covered by easement recorded at Recording No. 202011160107 (see attached). As long as the improvements do not interfere with the normal operation and maintenance of PSE's facilities, then PSE has no objection. If the District requires additional load, they will need to submit a new service request. Let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss in further detail.

Thank You for your time. Best Regards,

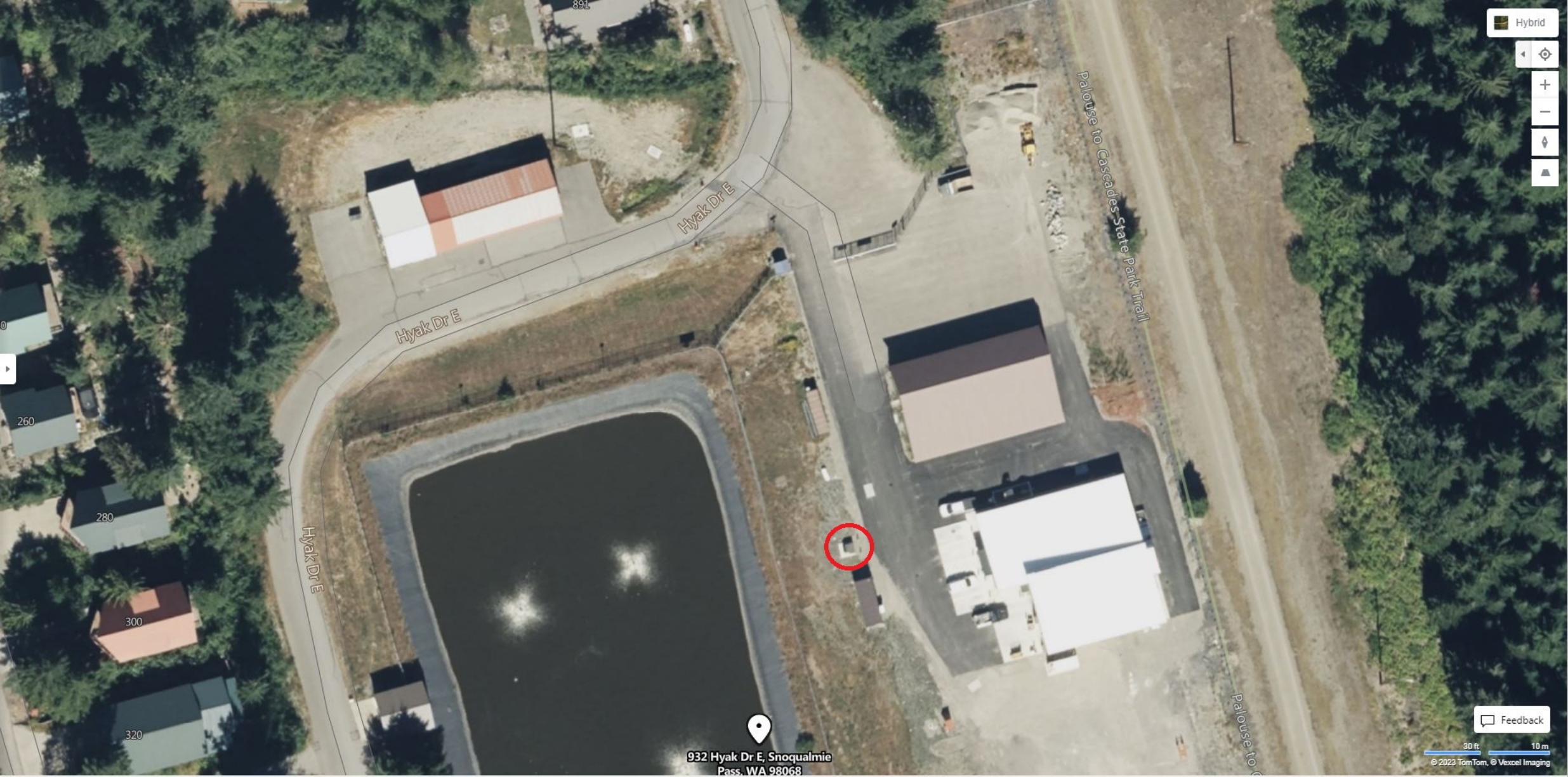
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Senior Right of Way Representative



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Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 9:41 AM
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Subject: RE: SE-23-00006 Snoqualmie Pass Utility District - Notice of Application

It's OK, Matti. I'll reach out to Major Projects and find out. Thank You for all you do.



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Feedback

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To: [Jeremiah Cromie](#)
Cc: [Guy Moura](#); [Hanson, Sydney \(DAHP\)](#)
Subject: Re: SE-23-00006 Snoqualmie Pass Utility District - Notice of Application
Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 11:25:42 AM

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Hello Jeremiah Cromie,

This consult is in reference to Miscellaneous SEPA Application – SE-23-00006 Snoqualmie Pass. This undertaking is located within the CCT Traditional Territories. We request any undertakings, particularly those involving ground disturbing activities, to have an IDP in place prior to implementation. This undertaking involves intense ground disturbing activities in the expansion and decommissioning of the wastewater treatment facilities adjacent to a major fresh water resource.

The proposed project lies within the traditional territory of the Wenatchi Tribe, 1 of the 12 constituent tribes of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CTCR), which is governed by the Colville Business Council (CBC). The CBC has delegated to the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) the responsibility of representing the CTCR with regard to cultural resources management issues throughout the traditional territories of all of the constituent tribes under Resolution 1996-29. This area includes parts of eastern Washington, northeastern Oregon, the Palus territory in Idaho, and south-central British Columbia.

If ground disturbing activities are to be conducted, a cultural resource surface survey and sub-surface testing of the area in and directly around the proposed ground disturbance are requested as a surface observation will not be an accurate assessment of the existent potential for sub-surface cultural deposits. Please do so prior to ground disturbing activities. These tests should be to the terminal depth of the implementation to ensure the totality of the presence or absence of cultural material. There are known cultural resources of historic and pre-contact significance nearby and the project APE is considered Very High Risk for an inadvertent discovery according to the DAHP predictive model. CCT H/A recommends that during implementation there be an inadvertent discovery plan or (IDP) in place to ensure compliance with all Section 106 and relevant cultural resource laws both federally and to the state of Washington. Previous surveys of the area have not included subsurface testing near the proposed APE and those surveys are all over a decade old.

We disagree with the SEPA checklist section 13. There are known sites evidencing Native American occupation of the area near the proposed APE. The sites have not been evaluated for eligibility and should be prior to implementation. Previous surveys were inadequate to assess the risk to cultural resources by this project. Tribes consider certain botanicals cultural resources and no ethnobotanical reviews have been conducted in the area. There are known traditional cultural properties nearby and as this project is projected to an extended duration of a few years terminating in 2025/2026, a broader cultural resource survey is requested.

Thank you for consulting with the Colville Confederated Tribes History and Archaeology Program.

Sincerely,

Connor Armi | **Archaeologist Senior MA, RPA**
History/Archaeology Program

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On Thu, Apr 6, 2023 at 9:24 AM Jeremiah Cromie <jeremiah.cromie@co.kittitas.wa.us> wrote:

Good morning,

CDS is requesting comments on the following SEPA application: **SE-23-00006 Snoqualmie Pass Utility District**. This project is for improvements to the Utility District's Wastewater Treatment Facility. Links to the file materials can be found below. Kittitas County anticipates issuing a DNS for this project application and is using the optional SEPA process found in WAC 197-11-355. This may be the only opportunity to comment on the ecological impacts of this project. The comment period will end **Friday, April 21, 2023 at 5p (PDT)**. **CDS will assume your agency does not wish to provide comments if not received by this date and time.** Please contact me directly with any questions or issues accessing the materials.

Internal Link: [SE-23-00006 Snoqualmie Pass Utility District](#)

External Link: [SE-23-00006 Snoqualmie Pass Utility District](#)

Jeremiah Cromie

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Kittitas County

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To: [Jeremiah Cromie](#)
Cc: [Jesse Cox](#)
Subject: RE: SE-23-00006 Snoqualmie Pass Utility District - Notice of Application
Date: Thursday, April 13, 2023 10:26:00 AM
Attachments: [PH Comments- SE-23-00006.docx](#)
[image001.png](#)

Attached is Public health comments for this project.

Further clarification:

This project falls within our state partners at the Department of ecology, we have nothing to contribute at the local level.

Kim Shilley, Public Health Technician

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To Protect and Promote the Health and the Environment of the People of Kittitas County

April 13, 2023

SE-23-00006
Snoqualmie Pass Utility District.

Hello,

Public Health has no comment for the proposed project.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Shilley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kim Shilley, Public Health Technician

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April 19, 2023

Jeremiah Cromie
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RE: 202301611, SE-23-00006 Snoqualmie Pass Utility District

Dear Jeremiah Cromie:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Optional Determination of Non Significance process for the Snoqualmie Pass Utility District Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

Water Resources

If you plan to use water for dust suppression at your project site, be sure that you have a legal right. 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. Temporary permits may be obtainable in a short time-period. The concern of Water Resources is for existing water rights. In some instances water may need to be obtained from a different area and hauled in or from an existing water right holder. 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,

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KITTITAS COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Staff
FROM: Public Works Plan Review Team
DATE: April 21st, 2023
SUBJECT: SE-23-00006 Snoqualmie Pass Utility District

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. 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	No comments.
SURVEY	Any property corners disturbed or destroyed by this proposed construction shall be reset by a Professional Land Surveyor licensed in the State of Washington. (JT)
FLOOD	No comments. (SC)
WATER MITIGATION/ METERING	No comments. (SC)