State Environmental Policy Act
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description: The Eastern Washington Growth Management Hearings Board (EWGMHB), which issued an order of non-compliance with the GMA, remanding the Plan on March 31, 2013 to the County for revisions. This proposal to address the EWGMHB decision in summary addresses:

- Changing policies within Chapter 8 of the County’s Comprehensive Plan providing “measures” designed to preserve and protect rural character;
- Amendments to the KCC 17.15.060, LAMIRD matrix, and amendment to LAMIRD maps to classifications which existed in 2009 and 2010;
- County regulations protecting water quality and quantity.

Proponent: Kittitas County

Location: Elements of the proposal are countywide.

Lead Agency: Kittitas County

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that the proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2) (c) and WAC 197-11. This decision was made after review of a SEPA environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency, after considering voluntary mitigation measures which the lead agency or the applicant will implement as part of the proposal, and after considering mitigation measures required by existing laws and regulations that will be implemented as part of the Kittitas County permit process. The responsible official finds this information reasonably sufficient to evaluate the environmental impact of this proposal. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-355 and WAC 197-11-390; the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 10 working days. Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge this administrative SEPA action’s procedural compliance with the provisions of Chapter 197-11 WAC shall be commenced on or before 5:00 pm, August 30, 2013.

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