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“Building Partnerships – Building Communities”

**SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST**

**Purpose of checklist:**

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

**Instructions for applicants:**

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. **You may use “not applicable” or “does not apply” only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown.** You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. **Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.**

The checklist questions apply to **all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land.** Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

**Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:** [\[help\]](#)

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

**APPLICATION FEES:**

\$600.00 Kittitas County Community Development Services (KCCDS)\*\*

\$950.00\* Kittitas County Department of Public Works\*\*

\$260.00 Kittitas County Public Health

**\$1,810.00 Total fees due for this application** (One check made payable to KCCDS)

\*2 hours of review included in Public Works Fee. Additional review hours will be billed at \$243 per hour.

\*\* Note:KCCDS and PW fees are waived if project is a VSP sponsored fish enhancement project.

<p>Application Received by (CDS Staff Signature):</p> <p><b>Jessie Rosenow</b></p>	<p>DATE:</p> <p><b>12/22/25</b></p>	<p>RECEIPT#</p> <p><b>CD25-02688</b></p>	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>KITTITAS CO CDS RECEIVED 12/22/2025</b></p> </div> <p>DATE STAMP IN BOX</p>
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**A. Background** [Find help answering background questions](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Tumbling Ridge Tower

2. Name of applicant:

Weis Towers

3. Address, e-mail and phone number of applicant and contact person:

PO Box 688, Roslyn, WA 98941; nathan@inlandcell.com; 509-674-9450

4. Date checklist prepared:

September, 2025

5. Agency requesting checklist:

Kittitas County CDS

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

Fall 2025

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

No

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

Geotech report, FAA aeronautical study, 1-A survey, NEPA, Cultural Resources study, preliminary site analysis, Phase I ESA

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

Variance, Administrative CUP,

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

ACUP, Variance, Grading Permit

11. Give a brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page.

The tower proposal includes the Kittitas County required information for an Administrative Conditional Use Permit for a proposed 197' foot tall tower to be enclosed within a fenced square shaped compound. The site will be accessed by a new private access road connecting to the existing Jenkins Drive road.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description,

site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

The project will be on parcel 952139 addressed at 520 Jenkins Drive, legal described as TUMBLING RIDGE SHORT PLAT 06-84, LOT 1; SEC 31; TWP 20; RGE 15. Coordinates of the tower location will be 47.188N by 121.02W. Vicinity map, topography map and site plan are attached.

## **B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS** [\[help\]](#)

### **1. Earth** [Find help answering earth questions](#)

#### a. General description of the site:

The site is located on a south facing slight slope with steeper slopes around and is surrounded by wooded area

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other \_\_\_\_\_

#### b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

Steepest slope on tower site will be less than 5%, nearby slopes indicated at >35%

#### c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

Kladnick Sandy Loam, Rock Out Crop, Roxer Complex Rock Out Crop, Roxer Gravelly Sand Loam, Roxer Variant Roxer Complex. See Geotech report

#### d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

There are no surface indications of unstable soils

#### e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

An area less than 6,000 square feet will be cleared and grubbed with crushed gravel fill along with concrete foundations less than 100 yards. Concrete foundations to engineer prescribed depth. Clearing and grubbing for a portion of the access road will also occur. The access road will remove topsoil and import gravel fill to meet county standard.

#### f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

Site development will not affect are drainage patterns and should not cause erosion.

#### g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

<1%

#### h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

Temporary erosion control features during each phase of construction will be carried out. Temporary filter fencing will be established down-slope of all construction activity. Fill areas will be sprayed with water and compacted.

**2. Air** [Find help answering air questions](#)

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

Minimum diesel emissions during the construction period with possible dust when excavating. No emissions will occur after construction is complete.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

No

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

n/a

**3. Water** [Find help answering water questions](#)

- a. Surface Water: [Find help answering surface water questions](#)

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

No

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

n/a

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

n/a

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

No

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

No

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so,

describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

No

b. Ground Water: [Find help answering ground water questions](#)

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

No

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

n/a

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

Any water that may occur at the proposed tower site would be rainwater, since the entire site is underlain by permeable soils no methods of collection or disposal will be required. Storm water that may occur during the construction phase if found to collect in any trenches excavated during construction will be filtered for sediment during any dewater pumping. Water runoff will continue to follow natural gradients and will be naturally absorbed by soils

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

No

- 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

No

- 4) Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

Site does not impact area drainage patterns and so no measures needed to be made.

4. **Plants** [Find help answering plants questions](#)

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

shrubs

grass

pasture

- \_crop or grain
- orchards, vineyards, or other permanent crops.
- \_wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- \_water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- \_other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

Several evergreen trees will be felled and some shrubs and grass with the organic overburden will be removed from within the site area

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

None known

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

n/a

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

None known

5. **Animals** [Find help answering animal questions](#)

a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include:

Birds: **hawk**, heron, **eagle, songbirds**,  
 other: Mammals: **deer, bear, elk**, beaver,  
 other:  
 Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other \_\_\_\_\_

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

None known

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

No

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

Vast majority of parcel and area will be untouched by the project. An IPaC species list was generated for the

project and can be found in the appendices of the NEPA report.

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

None known

**6. Energy and Natural Resources** [Find help answering energy and natural resource questions](#)

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

Small amount of electricity

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

No

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

N/a

**7. Environmental Health** [Find help with answering environmental health questions](#)

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur because of this proposal? If so, describe.

No

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

None known

- 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

N/a

- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

N/a

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

N/a

5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: [\[help\]](#)

A phase I ESA was conducted as part of the NEPA for this project and is attached.

b. Noise [\[help\]](#)

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

Noise will not affect the project

2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

Short term construction sounds during the day, no long term noise

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

N/a

## 8. Land and Shoreline Use [Find help answering land and shoreline use questions](#)

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

The current use is forest land. The proposal will have no effect.

b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

No

1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversized equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

No

c. Describe any structures on the site.

No permanent structures currently on site

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

No

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

Rural 5

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

Rural 5

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

N/a

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

No

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

0

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

0

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

N/a

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

N/a

l. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

Site area is small fraction of total parcel area.

## 9. **Housing** [Find help answering housing questions](#)

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

0

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

0

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

Preliminary plat approval was granted for subdivision of the property. Covenant or restriction will be put on title of affected future parcels for tower setback from houses.

## 10. **Aesthetics** [Find help answering aesthetics questions](#)

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

Expected 195' tall steel tower

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

No views will be obstructed

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

N/a

**11. Light and Glare** [Find help answering light and glare questions](#)

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

Light and glare will not occur from the project

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

N/a

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

N/a

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

N/a

**12. Recreation** [Find help answering recreation questions](#)

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

Camping, hiking

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

No

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

N/a

**13. Historic and cultural preservation** [Find help answering historic and cultural preservation questions](#)

a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.

No

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

No

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

Historical resources study conducted and attained SHPO concurrence.

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

N/a

#### 14. **Transportation** [Find help with answering transportation questions](#)

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

Access road connecting to Jenkins Drive off Bullfrog Rd will be improved.

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

No

- c. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

Yes a new access road will be constructed. The new access road will have slopes greater than 15% and require a variance.

- d. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

No

- e. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

No trips per day after completion of construction, occasional single trips for inspection and maintenance will occur.

f. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

No

g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

Access road to be built to County standard. Fire access measures will be implemented for access into the fenced area.

**15. Public Services** [Find help answering public service questions](#)

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

No

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

Fire access measures will be implemented.

**16. Utilities** [Find help answering utilities questions](#)

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:  
electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,  
other \_\_\_\_\_

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

Electricity will be brought to the site.

**C. Signature** [Find help about who should sign](#)

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of signee Nathan R Weis

Position and Agency/Organization Nathan Weis

Date Submitted: 9-29-2025