

## Bradley Gasawski

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 22, 2025 3:46 PM  
**To:** Bradley Gasawski  
**Subject:** RE: CU-25-00003 Wind Ridge BESS & SE-25-00010 Wind Ridge BESS - Notice of Application

Hi Bradley;

The land is classified under the Open Space Farm and Agriculture land tax classification (RCW 84.34.020(2)).

As the project progresses, the applicant/landowner should contact me to discuss removal from classification.



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Bradley,

Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) has had the opportunity to review an application for the Wind Ridge BESS Conditional Use permit & Wind Ridge BESS SEPA located at parcel# 17-20-14030-0006.

In researching our records, we have found that this proposal will not directly impact BPA facilities over 2 miles east of the subject properties. BPA does not have any objections to the approval of this request currently.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Jamie Murray at (406) 751-7820, or by email at [JCMurray@bpa.gov](mailto:JCMurray@bpa.gov).

Thank you for the opportunity to review this application.

### Angela Castle

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Bradley,

Before issuance of building or fire permits the applicant will need to provide how they propose to keep the fire storage reservoir full.

Dan Young  
Fire Marshal  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] CU-25-00003 Wind Ridge BESS & SE-25-00010 Wind Ridge BESS - Notice of Application

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Best,  
Bradley

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**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2025 8:34 AM  
**To:** Bradley Gasawski  
**Cc:** Jamey Ayling  
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Thanks Bradley, I will take a look.

Tim

On Fri, Oct 24, 2025 at 8:30 AM Bradley Gasawski <[bradley.gasawski@co.kittitas.wa.us](mailto:bradley.gasawski@co.kittitas.wa.us)> wrote:

Good Morning Timothy,

Yes, the report can be shared with you. We didn't make it available to everyone accessing the link in the NOA email due to the sensitive nature of these reports. The file is too large to email, so I've included a link for you to access it. The link is valid for 7 days and then it expires.

The following files will be available until 10/31/2025:

- [CU-25-00003 Wind Ridge BESS ESA Wind Ridge Energy Storage CRA - Not for Public Viewing.pdf](#)

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Best,

Bradley

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Bradley, Could you get me a copy of the Cultural Resources Assessment Report, or at least a contact, who can allow access to that information?

Timothy Batin, TFW Archaeologist, Yakama Nation Fisheries

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**From:** Jordan Bovee <jordan.bovee.hsy@colvilletribes.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2025 10:27 AM  
**To:** Bradley Gasawski  
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**Subject:** Re: CU-25-00003 Wind Ridge BESS & SE-25-00010 Wind Ridge BESS - Notice of Application  
**Attachments:** CCT Trad. Terr. 2025.pdf

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Hi Bradley,

We have completed our review of the Wind Ridge BESS Conditional Use permit application (CU-25-00003) & Wind Ridge BESS SEPA checklist (SE-25-00015).

Please be advised that the proposed project lies within the traditional territory of the škwáxčənəxw (people living on the bank) or Moses-Columbia, one of the twelve tribes that makes up 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 (see attached map).

Based on our review of State and Tribal sensitivity maps documenting the known occurrences of pre-contact, ethnographic, historic, and/or religious sites as well as the provided copy of the CR Report produced for this project ([Wind Ridge Battery Energy Storage System Project, Kittitas County, Washington – Cultural Resources Assessment](#), DAHP Project Number: 2025-06-03840) we would like to make note of several discrepancies between the provided SEPA checklist and the CR Report. We find this especially important given the extent of the ground disturbance required for the proposed undertaking.

- Line 13a of the provided SEPA checklist states that only two sites within the project area (Highline Canal, Renslow Trestle) are eligible for listing in the NRHP; according to the CR Report, there are also two precontact lithic sites (45KT01801, 45KT01802) within the project area that ESA recommended as eligible for the NRHP under Criterion D.
- Line 13b of the provided SEPA checklist states that there are no areas of cultural importance in the project area; per above, this is inaccurate. There are several archaeological sites within the

provided APE, at least two of which are precontact sites considered eligible or potentially eligible to inclusion on the NRHP.

- Line 13d of the provided SEPA checklist states that there are no anticipated impacts with the proposed development. Based on the provided site plans, no structures will be placed on known archaeological resources, however it is unclear what plans are being made to avoid these areas during the course of construction. This line item of the checklist requests that the proponent describe any proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources and would ideally outline any of the proponent's plans to follow mitigations suggested by ESA in the CR Report produced for this project. Some of ESA's recommendations are already reflected in the provided site plans, as demonstrated by marked cultural avoidance areas, however others are not referenced in the SEPA checklist or application materials, including recommendations to have a professional archaeologist review finalized construction plans, to have in place an Inadvertent Discovery Plan, and to memorialize avoidance areas on future construction plans including for a future anticipated project involving the construction of an elevated roadway over the Highline Canal.

The CTCR recommends that the proponent strictly follow the mitigations proposed by ESA within the CR Report produced for this project as referenced above and in the CR Report, especially with regards to implementing an Inadvertent Discovery Plan to have on hand during all project work. Should any cultural material be discovered over the course of project work the CTCR requests that we be notified. We also recommend that a professional archaeologist be consulted when choosing final staging areas for project work.

I would also like to note that the CTCR has an administrative arm of tribal government dedicated to advising the CBC on matters of importance to the Colville Tribes throughout their traditional territories. These are the Traditional Territory Advisors. The Traditional Territory Advisors' responsibilities to CBC are broader including a suite of natural and cultural resources, socio-economic impacts, land development, air quality, pollution, commercial facilities, health care, solid waste, waste water, wildfire, agriculture, floods, legislation, etc. This administrative team consists of Mr. Sirois, Dr. Capuder, Mr. Sam, Ms. Sam, Mr. Davis, and Ms. Bent, all of whom are copied on this email. I see that Mr. Sirois, Mr. Sam, and Mr. Davis are included in your initial outreach. Unless that team has requested otherwise, please also include Dr. Capuder, Ms. Sam, and Ms. Bent on future standard notifications of undertakings, projects, areas of effect or impact.

As always, the History/Archaeology Department will continue to be the sole recipient and contact for historic property review and compliance beyond initial contacts in all matters of historic property identification, evaluation, impact assessment treatment or mitigation and for all restricted and confidential historic property reports.

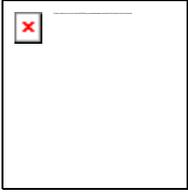
Thank you for submitting this project for compliance review with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. These comments are based on information as currently presented, and we do reserve the right to revise our comments if additional information becomes available. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at this email or the numbers listed below.

My best,

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Best,

Bradley

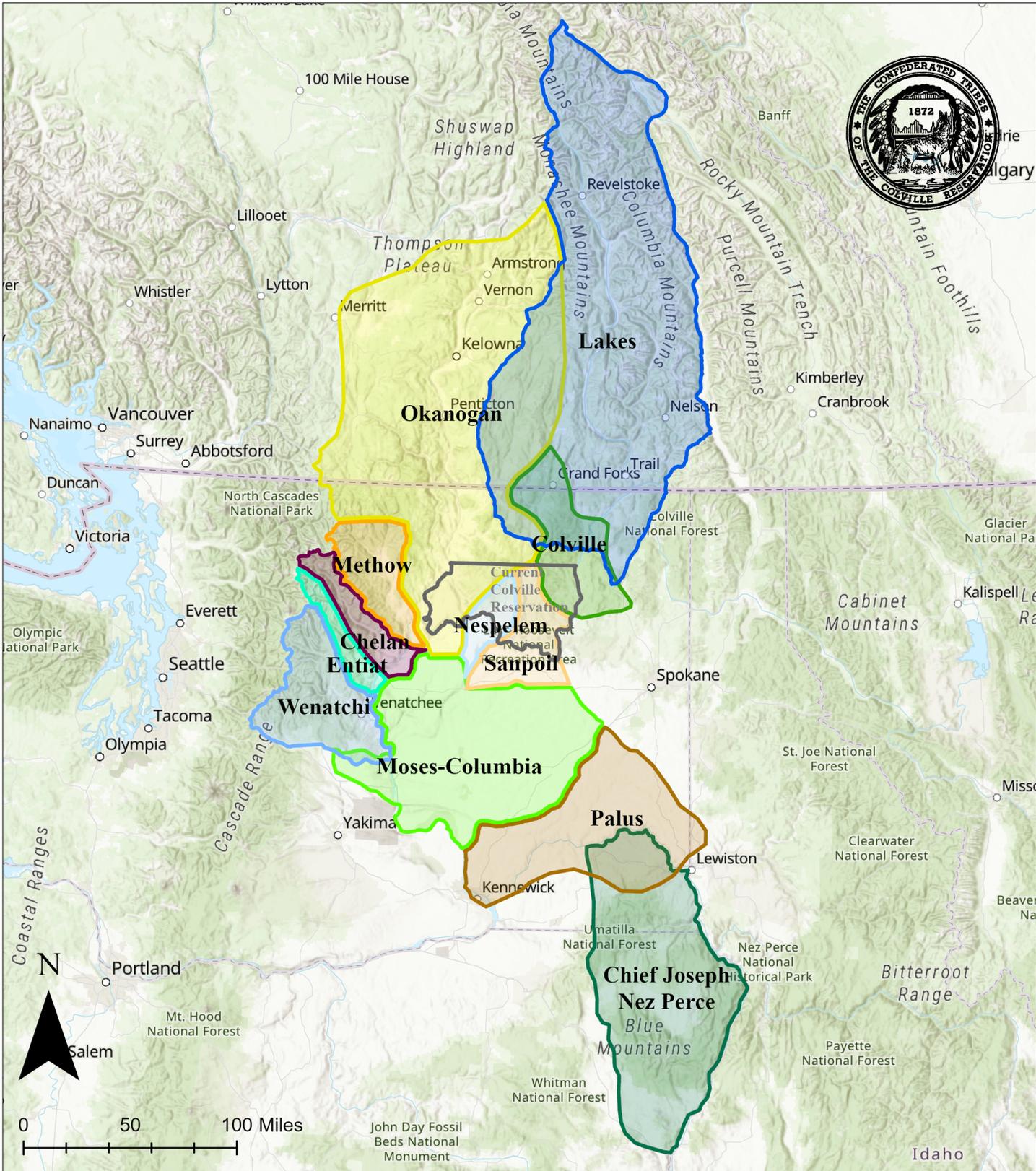
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# CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES

For informational purposes only. Boundaries do not represent an on-the-ground survey and are approximate.  
CCT History/Archaeology Program, 2024.

Basemap: WA State Parks GIS, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, Bureau of Land Management, EPA, NPS, USFWS, Esri, USGS



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November 5, 2025

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**RE: 202504440; SE-25-00015**

Dear Bradley Gasawski:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Optional Determination of Nonsignificance process for the Wind Ridge BESS. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

**Water Resource Program**

The SEPA checklist states water will be transported from an off-site source during construction and the project will have a 30,000 gallon water tank for fire use. It is unclear the water quantity and source of water for construction, the filling and potentially refilling of the 30,000 gallon water tank. This project may require a water right, 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, industrial purposes, stock watering or for the irrigation of up to one-half acre of 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.

Impairment to existing water rights and water availability are some of the concerns for Water Resources. In the Yakima Basin, a third consecutive year of drought has caused

historically low reservoir storage and streamflows. With natural flows unable to satisfy the most senior 1855 irrigation rights, the Washington State Department of Ecology had to issue curtailment orders to all surface water right holders in the Yakima Basin requiring that they cease diverting. Further, climate change is exasperating existing water supply issues, causing drought conditions to become a regular occurrence.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Water Resources comments, please contact Breean Zimmerman at (509) 406-5130 or email at [breean.zimmerman@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:breean.zimmerman@ecy.wa.gov).

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these comments, please contact the appropriate reviewing staff listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica Swift".

Jessica Swift on behalf of the  
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## Kittitas Reclamation District

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November 4, 2025

*Sent via email*

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RE: CU-25-00003 Wind Ridge BESS & SE-25-00010 Wind Ridge BESS

Dear Mr. Gasawski,

Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) was created and organized over 100 years ago to manage and oversee the delivery of irrigation water within the Kittitas Valley. It is the sixth largest irrigation district in the State of Washington and provides irrigation to two-thirds of all the irrigated acres in Kittitas County (approximately 60,000 acres), which lands rely on delivery of irrigation water for agricultural crop production. In addition, KRD, in partnership with the Department of Ecology (Ecology), U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), the Yakama Nation, and other basin stakeholders, is committed to ensuring that, among other things, critical fish habitat and water quality are adequately protected in the Yakima River Basin as part of the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan (Integrated Plan).

The canal mentioned in the application is the North Branch (Highline) Canal infrastructure which is moving irrigation water throughout the lower valley making agriculture possible. The Wind Ridge BESS project adjacent to the canal could negatively affect delivery, quality and quantity of irrigation water making it a concern to KRD.

*Issue #1: Per the SEPA Checklist under B. Environmental, #3 Water, Section b: Ground Water – “During construction, water will be transported from an offsite source and not needed during operations.”*

The Yakima River Basin is currently in its third year of drought with unprecedented water curtailment for senior water rights in 2025. KRD requires documentation regarding where the location of the offsite water source is (confirming the appropriate water rights

are in place). No water can be removed from the KRD's North Branch Canal for this project.

*Issue #2: Per the SEPA Checklist under B. Environmental, #3 Water, Section c: Water Runoff – “This proposed project development will increase the impervious surface area of the site, this causing increase in the storm water runoff and velocities.”*

The lands receiving KRD irrigation water directly downstream of this project location represents prime and unique farmland, and Kittitas County has designated portions of KRD's service area as including designated Agricultural Lands of Long-Term Significance (see Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan at 104-105 (2021)). KRD provides irrigation water for these prime farmlands which produce high value specialty crops that include apples, pears, cherries, blueberries, grapes and others. The majority of the remainder of the acreage produces high quality Timothy and Alfalfa hay that is processed and exported throughout the world.

The KRD will not allow any water runoff from the project site to enter the canal system other than what is natural runoff with water quality that has not been contaminated, degraded or altered by the project. It is unacceptable to direct or redirect runoff directly into the canal for several reasons.

- **Water Quality.** Potential contamination from solar panels, solvents and/or construction of the solar farm could impact the quality of the runoff water in the natural drainages. Poor water quality being directed into the canal infrastructure can cause downstream impacts to the Kittitas Valley agriculture.
- **Overflow and flooding.** Excess water in the canal can cause overtopping of water, damage to lands adjacent to the canal and damage to infrastructure. Excess water can cause damage to the existing infrastructure in place to manage the water runoff.

The Applicant must be required to contain all runoff on the project site and allow no runoff water in excess of natural runoff with current existing water quality to enter the KRD canal system.

*Issue #3: Per the SEPA Checklist under B. Environmental, #14 Transportation, Section c – “Access is currently under coordination with Kittitas Reclamation District and the Bureau of Reclamation.”*

The canal right-of-way is owned by Reclamation. The canal is a transferred works under KRD's contracts with Reclamation. KRD is responsible for maintenance of the right-of-way and has the right to use the right-of-way to manage and deliver irrigation water. As part of the KRD's management of the transferred right-of-way and for public safety reasons, KRD must strictly limit access to the right-of-way. The project applicant previously contacted KRD and requested a Use license. KRD does not have legal authority to issue a use license. Only Reclamation can issue a use license as it is the legal owner of the right-of-way. Because the KRD must maintain the right-of-way, including any roads on the right-of-way Reclamation consults with the KRD before making decisions on Use permits. KRD will not recommend Reclamation give permission to use

the right-of-way as an ingress/egress for the project. This has been clearly communicated to the applicant on several occasions. The applicant has been referred to Reclamation Realty for the issuance of the Use license and at the time of this comment letter, access has not been granted.

The applicant should be required to obtain approval for use of the right of way as an ingress and egress road from Reclamation with the concurrence of the KRD.

*Issue #4: Per SEPA Checklist under B. Environmental, #15 Public Services, section b - "The project will have a 30,000-gallon tank for fire use."*

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*Issue #5: Preliminary Site Plan shows Detention Pond Overflow Culvert leading directly into the KRD's North Branch Canal.*

The North Branch is owned in fee by US Bureau of Reclamation and as a result a modification to the right of way top to install this culvert will require a license from Reclamation. As the right to use, maintain and operate the right-of-way for the purposes of delivering irrigation water has been transferred by the United States to the KRD, KRD will recommend against any modification of the right-of-way for this purpose. This will have the effect of increasing the flow of water in the canal and KRD will have no control over the increased flow. This will severely negatively impact the operations of the canal and the delivery of irrigation water down canal from the point where the proposed pipe enters the canal. KRD will not allow contaminated water to enter the canal.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,



Urban Eberhart, Secretary Manager  
Kittitas Reclamation District  
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## Bradley Gasawski

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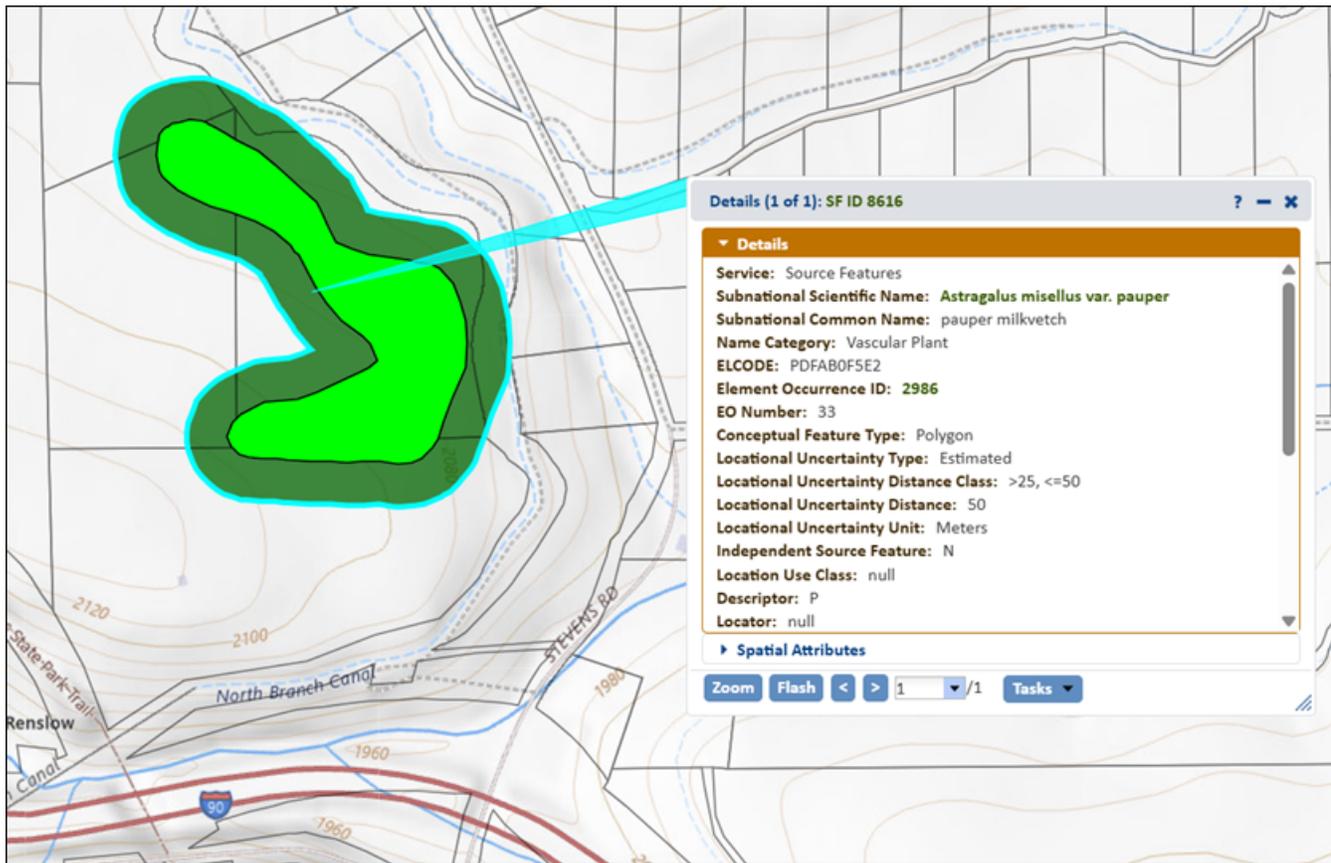
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Hi Bradley,

We've searched the Natural Heritage Information System for information on rare plants, rare nonvascular species, and rare/high-quality common ecological communities in the vicinity of the Wind Ridge BESS project. The proposed development overlaps with a population of *Astragalus misellus* var. *pauper* (pauper milkvetch), a State Threatened regional endemic plant species of eastern Washington. There are only 12 known populations of this perennial herb. A survey along the northern edge of the proposed development could help confirm that the plant is still present. If development proceeds, the southernmost portion of this population will be eliminated, reducing the long-term viability of the population as a whole. For additional information about this species, please see our field guide page, <https://fieldguide.mt.gov/wa/?species=astragalus%20misellus%20var.%20pauper>.

-  Mapped milkvetch population
-  Uncertainty distance (greater than 25 meters, less than or equal to 50 meters)
- County parcel boundaries



The information provided by the Washington Natural Heritage Program is based solely on existing information in the database. There may be significant natural features in your study area of which we are not aware. These data are being provided to you for informational and planning purposes only - the Natural Heritage Program has no regulatory authority. This information is for your use only for environmental assessment and is not to be redistributed. Others interested in this information should be directed to contact the Natural Heritage Program.

The Washington Natural Heritage Program is responsible for information on rare plants and ecosystems. For information on animal species of concern, please contact Priority Habitats and Species, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 600 Capitol Way N, Olympia WA 98501-1091, or by phone at (360) 902-2543.

For more information on the Natural Heritage Program, please visit our website at <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/natural-heritage-program>. Lists of rare plants and their status, a rare plant field guide, and rare plant survey guidelines are available from the site. Please let us know if you have additional questions.

Best,

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**Subject:** FW: CU-25-00003 Wind Ridge BESS & SE-25-00010 Wind Ridge BESS - Notice of Application

Hello,

This proposed BESS on Parcel 17-20-14030-0006 may be of interest to you.

Comments are due by November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you,

**Emma Oliver**

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**Subject:** CU-25-00003 Wind Ridge BESS & SE-25-00010 Wind Ridge BESS - Notice of Application

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External Email

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Good Morning,

CDS is requesting comment on the following Wind Ridge BESS Conditional Use permit application (CU-25-00003) & Wind Ridge BESS SEPA checklist (SE-25-00015). Links to the file materials can be found below. The comment period will end **November 6, 2025, at 5pm**. CDS will assume your agency does not wish to provide comment if not received by this date. Please let me know if you have any issues accessing the materials.

**Internal Link:** [CU-25-00003 Wind Ridge BESS](#)

**External Link:** [CU-25-00003 Wind Ridge BESS](#)

If the links above do not work, please go to the CDS website at:

<https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/cds/land-use/default.aspx> and navigate to “Conditional Use” and then the project file number “CU-25-00003 Wind Ridge BESS”.

Best,  
Bradley

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If this is about a Public Records request, please go to <http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/request/default.aspx> and fill out a request for public records through the GovQA portal.



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November 5, 2025

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**SUBJECT: WDFW COMMENTS ON CU-25-00003 WIND RIDGE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM**

Dear Mr. Gasawski,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Conditional Use application for the Wind Ridge Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is familiar with the project area, we've reviewed the application materials available on file, and we've met with the proponents prior to their application. This project area includes multiple Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas (FWHCA) and we look forward to working collaboratively to ensure their functions and values are adequately protected.

Some of the application materials show portions of Parcel 21353, east of Stevens Road, as part of the overall project for an expansion of the Puget Sound Energy substation but the potential critical areas for this parcel are not included in the critical areas report. All disturbance associated with the Wind Ridge BESS should be included in the SEPA, application materials, and critical areas reports. We respectfully request clarity for all work that may occur east of Stevens Road and/or associated with site access that appears to occur from the Kittitas Reclamation District's access road along their Highline Canal to evaluate the project as a whole.

The critical areas report and SEPA checklist seem to adequately identify the streams and wetlands in the project area and correctly identify most of the project area as shrubsteppe habitat. The project proponents have worked proactively with WDFW to understand the Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas on and around the project area, including streams, shrubsteppe habitat and biodiversity areas and corridors. We recommend that all ground disturbing activities, including blasting, occur outside of the March 1-July 31 nesting period to minimize impacts to wildlife in the area (KCC 17A.04.040.4b). In addition, to timing restrictions for construction, WDFW looks forward to working with the applicants and Kittitas County to review the overall mitigation plans for temporary and permanent impacts to critical areas consistent with KCC 17A.01.100 and a habitat management plan, consistent with KCC 17A.04.060.

After reviewing the available materials, it does not appear there will be any access roads or utilities crossing the streams on or near the project area. However, if this changes, any crossing of the streams or work occurring near them is likely to require a Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) permit from WDFW. Information about our permits and processing can be found at this [link](#), or feel free to reach out to us directly.

Construction of this project will result in permanent impacts to Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas; therefore, a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is not appropriate. In summary, we offer the following recommendations prior to a Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS):

- **WDFW recommends the development of a Habitat Management Plan that addresses all the Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas, including mitigation for permanent and temporary impacts to shrubsteppe habitat.**
- **WDFW recommends the development of and agreement on the Habitat Management Plan occur prior to approval of the MDNS to minimize project delays and that WDFW be allowed to review and provide comments on the Habitat Management Plan to help ensure the mitigation measures are consistent with the Best Available Science.**
- **WDFW recommends minimizing impacts to nesting wildlife by not working between March 1-July 31.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project and for the County's commitment to protect critical areas. Please let me know if there are any questions about our comments; we look forward to working together on this project. I can be reached by phone at (509) 961-6639 or email at [Jennifer.nelson@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Jennifer.nelson@dfw.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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

Jennifer Nelson  
Fish and Wildlife Biologist



# KITITAS COUNTY

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Staff  
**FROM:** Public Works Plan Review Team  
**DATE:** November 6, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** CU-25-00003 Wind Ridge BESS

<b>ACCESS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2. Maintenance of driveway approaches shall be the responsibility of the owner whose property they serve. The County will not maintain accesses.</li> <li>3. Road use Authorization will need to be provided from Bureau of Reclamation for usage of KRD canal road or State Parks for usage of Palouse to Cascades Trail with the Access/Address application to Public Works.</li> </ol> <p>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.</p>
<b>ENGINEERING</b>	<p>Except as exempted in KCC 14.05.060, no grading or filling upon a site involving more than one hundred (100) cubic yards shall be performed without a grading permit from the County Engineer or Public Works designee (KCC 14.05.050). An application for grading in excess of five hundred (500) cubic yards shall be accompanied by an engineered grading plan (KCC 14.05.080). (CBP)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Unless it has been approved by Hiline Canal, overflows will not purposefully direct stormwater into the Canal.</li> <li>2. Within the preliminary stormwater report please verify that the precipitation rates are accurate.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Looking briefly at the Atlas 9 Volume 2 maps, I found the 2-year 24-HR precipitation to be between 1.0- and 1.5-in intervals</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>SURVEY</b>	There are no survey comments regarding this application. (JT)
<b>TRANSPORTATION CONCURRENCY</b>	Transportation concurrency requirements have been met under Transportation Concurrency Management Permit TC-25-00003. (KAH)
<b>FLOOD</b>	Parcel # 653936 is not mapped within a FEMA identified special flood hazard area (100-year floodplain). A floodplain development permit would not be required for the proposed project. (SC)

<b>WATER MITIGATION/ METERING</b>	Per KCC 13.35.027 all new uses of ground water require mitigation and metering. Proof of mitigation is required prior to conditional use approval if a new use of ground water is proposed for the project. (SC)
<b>AIRPORT</b>	This property is not located in Airport Zone; No Comment. (RC)

Please contact Kittitas County Public Works (509) 962-7523 with any questions.