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Subject: Re: CU-26-00001 Jentges - Comment Response
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 9:06:58 AM

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Dear Mr. Torrance-Smith,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to comments submitted regarding Conditional Use Permit application CU-26-00001 for the Jentges property and Quiet Cadence.

We appreciate the thoughtful review provided by County departments, state agencies, tribal representatives, and neighboring property owners. We value the rural character of the Alford Road area and understand the importance of balancing preservation of that character with carefully managed community-serving uses.

First, we are encouraged that several reviewing agencies identified no significant concerns related to cultural, archaeological, or utility impacts, including the Bonneville Power Administration, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, and the Yakama Nation.

Quiet Cadence is intended to operate as a small-scale therapeutic agricultural and wellness-oriented use centered around animal interaction, outdoor education, mindfulness activities, and agricultural experiences. The intent is not to create a high-intensity commercial event venue, entertainment complex, or large public gathering space. We understand that some of the examples listed in public comments represent understandable concerns about potential future uses; however, many of those examples are not representative of the operational vision for the property.

We acknowledge the concerns raised by neighboring property owners regarding traffic, noise, lighting, scale, and future intensity of use. We are committed to working collaboratively with County staff and neighbors to develop reasonable operational conditions that preserve the quiet rural environment while allowing this modest agricultural wellness use to function responsibly.

To that end, Quiet Cadence is supportive of conditions addressing items such as:

- Reasonable limits on hours of operation;
- Restrictions on amplified sound and outdoor lighting;
- Limits on attendance and frequency of organized events;
- Parking management requirements;

- Continued agricultural character of the property;
- Protecting areas for wildlife in wetlands in harmony with agricultural use;
- Compliance with all Department of Health, Public Works, and Fire District requirements.

We appreciate Mr. Rawlings' suggestion regarding development of an operational program and agree that clear operational standards could help provide certainty both for neighboring property owners and for future operation of the site. We are open to continued dialogue with neighbors prior to the hearing process in hopes of reaching mutually agreeable conditions.

Regarding agency comments:

- We will coordinate with Kittitas County Public Health and the Department of Health regarding water system classification, testing, sanitary setbacks, and wastewater review requirements.
- We will work with Public Works regarding access permitting, driveway standards, traffic scoping, and any required variance applications.
- We welcome coordination with WDFW concerning critical areas, Mercer Creek protections, riparian buffers, and any mitigation or restoration recommendations deemed appropriate by County staff and agency specialists.
- Any future development or site modifications will comply with applicable grading, floodplain, and environmental regulations.

We also wish to respectfully clarify that this application does not seek to circumvent zoning regulations. The Conditional Use Permit process exists specifically to allow the County to evaluate uses that may be compatible within rural zones when appropriate conditions are applied. We believe this process provides the proper framework for addressing site-specific concerns while ensuring long-term accountability.

Quiet Cadence's mission is rooted in stewardship, therapeutic connection to animals and land, and respectful coexistence within the rural community. We are committed to being responsible neighbors and responsible caretakers of the property.

Thank you again for your consideration and for the extensive review of this application.

Sincerely,

Kristen Jentges
President of Quiet Cadence

On Wed, May 20, 2026 at 8:43 AM Zach Torrance-Smith
<zach.torrancesmith@co.kittitas.wa.us> wrote:

Good morning,

The comment response due date was May 19, 2026, at 5pm for this project. Since we haven't received a response yet, would you like us to postpone the comment response due date to June 2, 2026, at 5pm to allow adequate time for you to respond to transmitted comments?

If you could let me know at your earliest convenience that would be much appreciated.

Thank you,

Zach Torrance-Smith

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