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Jamey Ayling Kittitas County Community Development Services 411 N. Ruby St, Suite 2 Ellensburg, WA 98926

RE: DV-24-00001 Ranch on Swauk Creek Development

Dear Mx. Ayling:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed project on parcel(s) 20-17-28000-0007, -0006, -0001, -0004, -0003, -0002, -0005, 20-17-33000-0001, -0008, -0023, -0025, -0019, -0024, -0026, 20-17-28030-0010, -0011, 20-17-27030-0005, -0007, -0002, -0009, -0006, -0003, and 20-17-34000-0002, -0006 in Sections 27, 28, 33, and 34, T. 20 N., Range 17 E., W.M.; Kittias County.

Based on remote review of this parcel(s) it appears that some or all of the parcel(s) consist of forestland, and it will require a Forest Practices Application (FPA) from the DNR if merchantable timber is removed/harvested as part of the proposal and/or is being converted out of forest land (RCW 76.09 and WAC 222). The FPA would need to meet the requirements of the Forest Practices Act and its rules. It is our recommendation that the applicant meet with our local forest practices forester to discuss, they may call our Southeast Region office at (509) 925-8510 to schedule an appointment.

If there are questions regarding our comments, please contact our Region Forest Practices office at the number above.

Sincerely,

Amanda Moody

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