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To: [Zach Torrance-Smith](#)
Cc: lynnebeckerthomas@gmail.com; [Jamey Ayling](#)
Subject: Re: RE: RE: RU-25-00004 Thomas - Transmittal of Comments
Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 8:24:45 PM
Attachments: [24117 Thomas WDFW Response.pdf](#)

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Hello Zach,

I've listed my responses below, and have attached a response from Ed Sewall to the WDFW.

Comments:

- Confederate Tribes of the Colville Reservation
 - Acknowledged, will have an Inadvertent Discovery Plan when excavating.
- Yakama Nation
 - Acknowledged, will have an Inadvertent Discovery Plan when excavating.
- Bonneville Power Administration
 - No response requested.
- Washington Department of Natural Resources
 - Acknowledged, not planning to do any additional timber removal beyond what is prescribed by the Kittitas Country Wildland Urban Interface code.
- Kittitas County Public Works
 - Property has existing driveway outlined in the Critical Area Report.
 - No major grading planed.
 - Property has existing well.
- Kittitas County Public Health
 - No response requested.
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
 - Acknowledged. See attached response by Ed Sewall. Please let us know if this is sufficient and if we should respond directly to WDFW.

Regards,

Whitney Thomas

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

On Tuesday, January 20th, 2026 at 11:45 AM, Whit Government <whitnt_gov@proton.me> wrote:

Thank you!

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----- Original Message -----

On Tuesday, 01/20/26 at 10:23 Zach Torrance-Smith
<zach.torrancesmith@co.kittitas.wa.us> wrote:

Good morning,

Sounds good, I will extend the response due date another two weeks.
The new due date to respond to transmitted comments is February
10th, 2026 at 5pm.

Let me know if you have further questions or concerns.

Zach Torrance-Smith

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From: Whit Government <whitnt_gov@proton.me>

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 10:18 AM

To: Zach Torrance-Smith <zach.torrancesmith@co.kittitas.wa.us>

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Hello Zach,

I've passed this off to Ed Sewall, and he is looking into the specifics of what WDFW wants. This may take longer than the week we have left, so looks like we will need the extension.

Thanks,

Whitney

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On Friday, 01/16/26 at 12:29 Zach Torrance-Smith
<zach.torrancesmith@co.kittitas.wa.us> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I called your number listed on the application just now and left a message. I think it would be better to discuss the project's status and where we go from here over the phone. If you could please give me a call, my direct office line is 509-962-7079.

Thank you and I look forward to speaking with you.

Zach Torrance-Smith

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From: Whit Government <whitnt_gov@proton.me>

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 7:34 PM

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Hello Zach,

On reviewing the comments it looks like only Fish and Wildlife require a response. Should I contact Cassandra Weekes (the biologist) directly?

Regards,

Whitney Thomas

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On Thursday, 01/08/26 at 10:27 Zach Torrance-Smith
<zach.torrancesmith@co.kittitas.wa.us> wrote:

Good morning,

Please see the attached correspondence regarding your Reasonable Use application (RU-25-00004 Thomas). A physical copy of the correspondence will also be sent in the mail.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Zach Torrance-Smith

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