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

RE: 202500286; SE-25-00001

Dear Jamey Ayling:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Optional Determination of Nonsignificance process for Parke Creek Landing Planned Unit Development. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

Water Resources Program

While reviewing the SEPA information it was found that the proposal will likely require a water right authorization for the intended uses. If this project requires a water right authorization, approval must be received prior to a well being drilled or any water being used for the intended project. If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Water Resources comments, please contact Nathan Longoria at (509) 907-1752 or email at nathan.longoria@ecy.wa.gov.

Water Quality Program

Dividing or platting a piece of property is often the first step in a proposed development. An NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit may be required if there is a potential for stormwater discharge from a construction site with disturbed ground. Ground disturbance includes all utility placements, and building or upgrading roads. The permitting process requires going through SEPA, developing a stormwater pollution prevention plan, submitting an application, and a 30-day public notice process. This may take 38-60 days. A permit and a stormwater plan are required prior to beginning ground-breaking activities. Please contact **Wendy Neet** with the Department of Ecology, (509) 571-6733, with questions about this permit.

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Sincerely,

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