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(Re-Issue) State Environmental Policy Act DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description: Kittitas County is conducting a periodic review and evaluation of its comprehensive plan for 2026-2046, 20-year planning period pursuant to the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), RCW 36.70A.130(5). These periodic reviews are required every ten years. An EIS was prepared in 1995 and 1996 and an FEIS was issued for the 1996 plan. Kittitas County's Comprehensive Plan has been updated since the original 1996 plan, with a significant update adopted in 2013 with the completion of our GMA Compliance efforts from appeals of the 2006 plan. The plan was subsequently updated again in 2021. Kittitas County is also updating Development Regulations and the County Critical Areas Ordinance concurrently to assist in implementation of the Periodic Comprehensive Plan Update and in accordance with RCW 36.70A.130(1)&(5) and WAC 365-196-610(1) & (2).

This proposed Comprehensive Plan, Development Regulations and Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) have been updated to comply with all relevant State requirements enacted since the previous update and in reference to the CAO, reflect best available science. Changes to the Comprehensive Plan elements reflect population, employment and housing data forecasts, transportation, land use, climate resiliency, clarification and consistency revision within elements, changes required to remain consistent with state law, and various other elements. This is a non-project action under SEPA. Specific environmental review will be required when a site-specific development proposal is submitted, and threshold determination will be made at the time of a development application review.

Proponent: Kittitas County

Location: Elements of the proposal are countywide.

Lead Agency: Kittitas County Community Development Services

The lead agency for this proposal has determined it will not have a probably significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request, or can be reviewed at the Kittitas County Community Development Services website at: <https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/cds/land-use/default.aspx>, navigate to State Environmental Policy Act Active Applications, and then file number SE-26-00002 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340 and KCC 15A.04.010 the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 15 days. Any action to set aside, enjoin, or otherwise challenge this administrative SEPA action's procedural compliance with the provisions of Chapter 197-11 WAC shall be commenced on or before 5:00 pm, May 22, 2026.

Any person, affected tribe, or agency may submit comments to the lead agency within 15 days of the date of issuance of the DNS. The lead agency will then: retain, modify, or withdraw the decision.

Responsible

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