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SUBJECT: WDFW COMMENTS ON CAMPBELL DADU (AU-26-00003)

Dear Ms. Myers,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the detached Accessory Dwelling Unit (DADU) proposed at 131 Ridge Road, parcel number 18655. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has reviewed the application materials available on file and we have specialized knowledge of the wildlife and critical areas surrounding the project area. As the agency of expertise, we offer the following comments to be considered as part of this review and determination process.

The parcel proposed for this DADU contains shrubsteppe habitat, elk winter range, and is located within a Biodiversity Area and Corridor (BAC) as identified in WDFW's Priority Habitats and Species (PHS) program and are designated Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas under Kittitas County's Critical Areas Ordinance (KCC 17A.04).

To further understand the impacts to critical areas, particularly shrubsteppe habitat, WDFW requests a site visit with the applicant and the County. A mitigation, monitoring, and restoration plan should be prepared in consultation with WDFW as a condition of approval.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for the County's commitment to protecting critical areas. Please let me know if there are any questions about our comments and we look forward to working together on this project. I can be reached by phone at (509) 961-6639 or email at Jennifer.nelson@dfw.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Nelson". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jennifer Nelson
Fish and Wildlife Biologist