# KITTITAS COUNTY

#### KITTITAS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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"Building Partnerships - Building Communities"

# **SEPA** ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

#### Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

#### Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to <u>all parts of your proposal</u>, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

#### Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

## Use of checklist for nonproject proposals: [help]

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the <u>SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D)</u>. Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

#### **APPLICATION FEES:**

\$600.00 Kittitas County Community Development Services (KCCDS)\*\*
\$250.00 Kittitas County Department of Public Works\*\*
\$510.00 Kittitas County Public Health

\$1,360.00 Total fees due for this application (One check made payable to KCCDS)

\*\* Note:KCCDS and PW fees are waived if project is a VSP sponsored fish enhancement project.

#### FOR STAFF USE ONLY

Application Received by (CDS Staff Signature):	DATE:	RECEIPT#	
			DATE STAMP IN BOX

# A. Background [help]

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: [help]

Sweetwater Ranch Event Facility

2. Name of applicant: [help]

Sweetwater Ranch Enterprises LLC

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: [help]

1371 Charlton Road, Ellensburg WA 98926

4. Date checklist prepared: [help]

1-8-2021

5. Agency requesting checklist: [help]

Kittitas County Community Development Services Department

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): [help]

As soon as approvals are granted.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. [help]

No. Please see project narrative for this conditional use permit.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. [help]

Critical Areas has been completed for this proposal.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. <a href="mailto:lhelp">[help]</a>

None to our knowledge.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. [help]

None to our knowledge other than this conditional use permit and associated items.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.) [help]

See Project Narrative.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist. [help]

See Project Narrative and assoicated exhibits.

B.	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL I</b>	ELEMENTS	[help]
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1. Earth	[he	מ
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a. General description of the site: [help]

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other \_\_\_\_\_

The site is fairly flat.

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? [help]

This site is farily flat (0-1% slope).

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils. [help]

See Critical Areas report, specifically page 4 identifying soils that are on site.

 d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. [help]

None to our knowledge.

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill. [help]

There is no excavation or filling occuring as this proposal is using existing structures on site. Furthermore, there may be the need to refresh the driveway with gravel as part of ongoing maintenance.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe, [help]

None to our knowledge. It must be noted that this proposal is using existing structures and existing driveway etc.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? [help]

None to our knowledge as this proposal is using existing structures and driveway. If anything maybe 0-1% if that.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: [help]

No measures are needed. All structures are existing. The existing groundcover is agricultural pasture ground that is irrigated and maintained immediately around the main structures.

#### 2. Air [help]

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. [help]

There are no emissions to air from this proposal other than standard equipement and vehicles.

 Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. [help]

None to our knowledge.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: [help]

There are no measures needed as this propsoal is not impacting emmissions, or causing other impacts to air.

- 3. Water [help]
- a. Surface Water:
  - 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into. [help]

Naneum creek and irrigation water

2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans. [help]

No there will be no work over, in, or adjacent (within 200') of Naneum Creek.

3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material. [help]

None as this proposal is using existing and established structures, driveways, pastures etc.

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. [help]

This proposal contains senior irrigation water rights and a groundwater right. Furthermore this propsal may obtain water through future water transfer or a existing water bank.

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. [help]

No. Majority of this proposal (existing structures) is located outside of the 100 year floodplain. With that said, there is one existing structure that is within the 100yr floodplain and that is the open sided pole barn.

6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge. [help]

This proposal contains existing septic system associated with the existing single family residence that is on site. There will be no discharges of waste materials to surface waters to our knowledge.

#### b. Ground Water:

1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. [help]

The applicant contains senior water rights along with an existing groundwater certificate. The existing residence is served off of an existing well. The applicant may in the future obtain additional water from a water bank etc. Currrenlty this proposal will provide catering /beverages or require renters of the facility to provide their own catering/bevarages etc. therefore groundwater will not be withdrawn for drinking purposes at this time. If the applicant obtains water through other avenues then this may occur in the future.

2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve. [help]

Currenity there is existing septic system permitted associated with the existing single family residence.

This proposal will also require portable toilets to be onsite the day of events. Sweetwater Ranch will obtain these portable toilets & contract with a provider for waste removal.

- c. Water runoff (including stormwater):
  - Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow?
     Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe. [help]

The standard runoff water from exisitng buildings will shed off roofs onto adjacent pasture ground directly infiltrating into the ground. No wate will flow directly into other waters.

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. [help]

Not to our knowledge.

 Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe. [help]

Not to our knowledge, as this proposal is located within existing pature ground that is irrigated.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any: <a href="[help]">[help]</a>

None.

- 4. Plants [help]
- a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site: [help]

_	<u>X</u> deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
	X evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
_	x shrubs
	grass
	X_pasture
	crop or grain
	Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
	wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
	water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
	other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? [help]

None, as the proposal is using exisitng structures etc., other than some possible hazard trees etc.

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [help]

See Critical Areas report.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: [help]

Landscaping may occur and if so will use native vegetation and the like or other types of plantings to enhance the site.

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. [help]

Maybe some limited canada thistle but other than that none to our knowledge.

# 5. Animals [help]

a. <u>List</u> any birds and <u>other</u> animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site. <u>[help]</u>

Birds (turkeys, starlings to name a few). Deer, elk, bear are within the area etc.

Examples include:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other: mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other: fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [help]

None. Also see Critical Areas Report.

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. [help]

Not to our knowledge. Mule deer and elk move through the area. See Critical Areas Report.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: [help]

This proposal doen't require any mitigation, as this proposal is on private property.

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site. [help]

None to our knowledge.

# 6. Energy and Natural Resources [help]

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc. [help]

Standard elecricitly is currrenlty located wihtin and will be used to supply pwoer etc. to the proposed event facility. In the future this proposal may use solar power as a future energy conservation measure.

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. [help]

No.

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any: [help]

None at this time but in the future may use solar power as a future energy conservation feature,

#### 7. Environmental Health [help]

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe. [help]

None to our knowledge.

1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses. [help]

None to our knowledge.

2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity. [help]

None to our knowledge.

 Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

None to our knowledge.

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required. [help]

It is not anticipated that special emergency servies will be required.

Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: [help]

No measures are needed as there is no environmental health hazards to our knowledge associated with this proposal.

#### b. Noise [help]

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? [help]

Vehicle traffic from Charlton Road and existing noise from surrounding agricultural practices occuring.

2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site. [help]

Vehicle traffic from attending an event (arriving & leaving). There could be noise associated with actual events, like music, cheering etc. Noise could be mid afternoons through the evening.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: [help]

The proposed event facility would implement/enforce rules consistent with the Kittitas County Noise Ordinance.

#### 8. Land and Shoreline Use [help]

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe. [help]

The current site contains existing driveway access, existing structures (single family residence, existing barns (multiple). The site has been used for agriculture, cattle, and horse operations in the past and continues to do so at the same time using it existing water rights for irrigation and stock water.

b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use? [help]

The site has and still cattle grazes the subject property and irrigation on said lands pertinent to it's water rights. This proposal will allow for the continuation of cattle, horses and irrigation associated with agricultural practices.

The subject property is not designated as resource lands for forest or agriculture of long term commercial significance.

1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how: [help]

Not to our knowledge.

c. Describe any structures on the site. [help]

Existing single-family residence Proposed event facility structures include the following: Event facility Pole Barn: This is an open sided pole barn 38'x48' (1,728 sq. ft.) Main event Barn: 48'x96' (4,608 sq ft) Event barn and stables.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? [help]

No

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? [help]

Agricultural 20

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? [help]

**Rural Working** 

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? [help]

The existing structures and proposal is outside of the any shoreline designated boundary. With that said a portion of the actual parcels are within the Rural Conservancy shoreline designation.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify. [help]

Wetlands have been identified by the County through a pre-application process in 2019. The applicant has has completed a critical areas report, further identifying the wetland locations and associated buffers etc. as part of previous building permit processes.

See the Critical Area Report.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? [help]

2-6 people.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? [help]

None.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: [help]

None as no displacement will be occuring.

L. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: [help]

This proposal has been planned out making sure it uses the rural character to it's benefit, thus keeping the existing pasture ground irrigated, keep with the continued agricultural practices of cattle and horses on site, all of which are uses that are conistent with the surrounding and projected uses in the vicinity.

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any: [help]

None, as the subject property is not designated as forest or agricultural lands of long term commercial significance.

# 9. Housing [help]

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [help]

None as this conditional use permit doesn't propose housing.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [help]

None.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: <a href="mailto:lheip">[help]</a>

None.

# 10. Aesthetics [help]

 a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? [help]

On the west side of the driveway, the existing barn (est. at 20' tall) and stables (est. at 10-12' tall) are both wood sided. The Open sided pole barn is rough cut pole barn with a metal roof (estimated at 15-20'). The main event facility is a rural looking monitor style barn, wood sided with doors & windows (est. at 25-30' tall).

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? [help]

None as these existing structures are predominately in the center of 68 acres of private property.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: [help]

None.

# 11. Light and Glare [help]

 a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? [help]

Light and glare could occur from vehicles attending events. This could mainly occur, dependent upon time, late afternoon and into the evenings.

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? [help]

Not to our knowledge. The exising strucures are situated within two parcels encompassing a total of 68.83 acres

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? [help]

None to our knowledge.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: [help]

None needed.

#### 12. Recreation [help]

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? [help]

Hiking, hunting, etc are located to the north of the subject parcels. This proposal, in the future, may include trails around the event facility and it's associated grounds.

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. [help]
  - No as this proposal is proposed on private property.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: <a href="mailto:[help]">[help]</a>
  - No measures to reduce or control impacts of recreation is needed as this proposal is on private property. As a benefit this proposal may incorporate trails on their property in the future for recreational use such as hiking, sleigh ridges or other like activities along with incorporating trails from parking areas and access to surrounding event facility grounds.
- 13. Historic and cultural preservation [help]
- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.
   [help]

None to our knowledge.

b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources. [help]

None to our knowledge.

c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc. [help]

None needed as this proposal is proposing to use existing structures etc.

d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required. [help]

None.

### 14. Transportation [help]

a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. <a href="https://example.com/linearing-new-mails-

Charlton Road provides access to the subject parcel.

b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? [help]

No.

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate? [help]
  - This proposal will not eliminate parking spaces. This proposal could have 125-137 parked vehicles in proposed parking areas.
- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). [help]

None to our knowledge.

e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. [he p]
No.
f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates? [help]  With estimated 125- 137 vehicles and having two trips (showing up and leaving event) we estiamted the trips to be 250 to 270 trips that could occur during any given event, all dependent upon the size of event. It' would be estimated that peak hour volumes would occur from Mid-morning to late evening dependent upon the schedule of event and mainly on weekends.
g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe. [help]
None to our knowledge.
h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: [help]
None.
15. Public Services [help]
a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. [help]
None to our knowledge.
b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. [help]
None to our knowedge.
16. Utilities [help]
a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: <a href="Inlep">[help]</a> electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other  Power is located on site. Garbage, as described in the narrative, will also delivered to the local Kititias County transfer station. Septic is addressed within the narrative as using portable toilets where the applicant will contract out with a local septic service for maintenance etc. Water will not be provided as the applicant has proposed catering etc. that will require water, beverages provided by the applicant and their associated catering license or require the event applicant to provide catering that includes beverages including water (see narrative).
<ul> <li>Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed. [help]</li> </ul>
Power is currently on site and is provide by KC PUD. There also is existing irrigation and associated diversions (pertinant to water rights) on site.
C. Signature [help]
The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.
Signature: Reann J. Atlans
Name of signee
Position and Agency/Organization
Date Submitted:

# D. supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [help] (IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions) Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment. When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms. 1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise? Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are: 2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life? Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are: 3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources? Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are: 4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands? Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

5.	How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?
	Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:
6.	How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?
	Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:
7.	Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.