

From: [Rebecca Cruse](#)
To: [Zach Torrance-Smith](#)
Subject: RE: BL-24-00016 George - Nine Months Until Project Expiration
Date: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:14:15 AM
Attachments: [BL-24-00016 George - update 1.26.26-KCPW Plan Review Team Comments.pdf](#)

Good Morning Zach,

I have attached updated comments. The applicant has submitted easements from state parks and Public Works we don't have any further requirements for BL-24-00016. Justin stated no changes were required for the survey.

Let me know if you have any further questions.

Thank you,

Rebecca Cruse | Engineer Tech 1

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From: Zach Torrance-Smith <zach.torrancesmith@co.kittitas.wa.us>
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 9:22 AM
To: Rebecca Cruse <rebecca.cruse.pw@co.kittitas.wa.us>; Justin Turnbull <justin.turnbull@co.kittitas.wa.us>
Cc: Jamey Ayling <jamey.ayling@co.kittitas.wa.us>
Subject: FW: BL-24-00016 George - Nine Months Until Project Expiration

Good morning,

Please review the attached correspondence for BL-24-00016 George. Rebecca, I believe you said that Public Works could confirm that no further requirements remain for State Parks. If you are able to reaffirm in the returned comments that that is the case, I would really appreciate it.

Please let me know if there are further corrections to be made.

Thank you,

Zach Torrance-Smith

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From: Chris Cruse <chris@cruseandassoc.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2026 3:35 PM
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Cc: Jamey Ayling <jamey.ayling@co.kittitas.wa.us>
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Zach – Attached is a preliminary copy of the final survey and lot summaries to start the final review process. Also attached is the recorded crossing agreements for the state parks and noted them on the survey. Please contact us back with any questions or if you need any additional information.

Thanks,
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From: Zach Torrance-Smith <zach.torrancesmith@co.kittitas.wa.us>
Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2025 10:31 AM
To: Melanie George <foothillsfarm@fairpoint.net>
Cc: Chris Cruse <chris@cruseandassoc.com>; Jamey Ayling <jamey.ayling@co.kittitas.wa.us>
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Good morning,

Reviewing your project and the associated comments that were received, I have come up with a list of outstanding compliance items that will need to be addressed prior to finalization.

- The parks compliance item that was brought up by Public Works during the comment period will need to have associated documentation reviewed by Public Works officials to ensure it is

adequate.

- Other access-related items that were brought up by Public Works will also need to be reviewed by appropriate officials. Once you have those in hand, please send them to me so I can pass them along to Public Works for their review.
- The county surveyor will need to review your survey prior to it being recorded with the Auditor's Office.
- I will likely need to reach out to Ken Graham at Washington State Parks to verify that their concerns have been addressed.

All compliance documents can be sent to me, I will be able to send them to the appropriate officials for review.

In addition, we cannot finalize the project until the Current Year's property taxes have been paid up to date and the survey has been recorded with the Auditor's Office. This means that if 2026 taxes are required as dictated by the county Treasurer's Office, then those will need to be paid in full prior to finalization.

Let me know if you have further questions.

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From: Melanie George <foothillsfarm@fairpoint.net>

Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2025 9:15 AM

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

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Good morning,

Thank you for the notice, it's timing is good. Yesterday we had the easement contracts with state parks recorded, we will pick up our copy of those Friday January 2nd.

Who needs to see or have a copy of those to move forward?

Thank you,

Craig & Melanie George

On Dec 29, 2025, at 1:28 PM, Zach Torrance-Smith
<zach.torrancesmith@co.kittitas.wa.us> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Attached please find correspondence regarding BL-24-00016 George. Please note that this project shall expire September 3, 2026 if not completed and recorded with the Kittitas County Auditor.

Let us know if you have further questions.

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