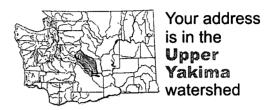


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Joanna Valencia Kittitas County Community Development Services 411 N. Ruby Street, Suite 2 Ellensburg, WA 98926

Dear Ms. Valencia:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the pre-threshold determination for the divide of 45 acres into 187 lots, proposed by Rick Wade [P05-03]. We have reviewed the environmental checklist and have the following comment.

Water Quality

Erosion control measure must be in place prior to any clearing, grading or construction. These control measures <u>must</u> be able to prevent soil from being carried into surface water (this includes storm drains) by stormwater runoff. A stormwater construction permit from Washington State Dept. of Ecology may be required if there is a potential for discharge from a construction site larger than one acre. A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (Erosion Sediment Control Plan) is needed for all permitted construction sites.

Please contact Ray Latham, at the Dept. of Ecology, (509) 575-2807, to determine if your site needs such a permit.

Sincerely,

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