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East Peak Development LLC 3621 Stone Way N, Suite E Seattle, WA 98103

RE: *Revised* Critical Area Report – Tract B of Parcel #961450 Kittitas County, Washington SWC Job #21-149

This report describes our observations of any jurisdictional wetlands, streams and buffers on the area referred to as Tract B of Parcel #961450, located off Hyak Drive in the Snoqualmie Pass area of unincorporated Kittitas County, Washington.



Above: Vicinity Map of the site.

The site is an irregular shaped parcel 3.9 acres in size and located within SE ¹/₄ of Section 15, Township 22 North, Range 11 East of the W.M.

The site consists of a shrub and forested bench on the west located above an existing gravel parking lot area on the east used by the Summit East Ski Area.



Above: Kittitas Taxsifter aerial photograph of study area.

METHODOLOGY

Ed Sewall of Sewall Wetland Consulting, Inc. inspected the site on June 18, 2021.

The site was reviewed using methodology described in the **Regional** Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Arid West Region (Version 2.0) (USACOE September 2008) as required by the US Army Corps of Engineers starting in June of 2009. This is the methodology currently recognized by Kittitas County for wetland determinations and delineations. The site was also reviewed using methodology described in Soil colors were identified using the 1990 Edited and Revised Edition of the **Munsell Soil Color Charts** (Kollmorgen Instruments Corp. 1990.

Wetlands in Kittitas County are rated using the 2014 Washington State Department of Ecology Washington State *Wetland Rating System for Eastern Washington, 2014 Update* dated June 2014 Publication No. 14-06-018.

The ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of any streams was located based upon the criteria described in the *Washington Department of Ecology publication Determining The Ordinary High Water Mark for Shoreline Management Act Compliance in Washington State* (WADOE Publication 16-06-029, March 2010 revised October 2016).

OBSERVATIONS

Existing Site Documentation.

Prior to visiting the site, a review of several natural resource inventory maps was conducted. Resources reviewed included the Kittitas County Taxsifter website, National Wetland Inventory Map and the NRCS Soil Survey online mapping and Data.

Kittitas County Taxsifter website

The Kittitas County Taxsifter website with wetland and DNR water types listed depicts no wetlands or streams on the site (see aerial photograph page 2 of this report).

National Wetlands Inventory (NWI)

The NWI map depicts no wetlands or streams on or near the site.



Above: NWI map of the area of the site

Soil Survey

According to the NRCS Soil Mapper website, the site is mapped as Chinkmin ashy sandy loams 5%-30% slopes. This soil series is well drained and formed in lateral moraines in volcanic ash and pumice over basal till. Pacific silver fir is the main vegetative cover. This soil series is not considered a "hydric" soils according to the publication *Hydric Soils of the United States* (USDA NTCHS Pub No.1491, 1991).



Above: NRCS soil map of the site.

WADNR Fpars Stream Mapping

The Washington Department of Natural Resources Fpars stream type mapping website depicts no streams on or near the site.

WDFW Priority Habitats

According to the WDFW Priority Habitats mapping website, site contains wetlands (pink shading) and the entire site is located within the Township where the Northern Spotted Owl and gray wolf are thought to be present. These species are Federally listed as endangered species.



Above: WDNR Fpars stream mapping for the area of the site.



Above: WDFW Priority Habitats mapping of site.

Field observations

As previously described, the site contains a forested and shrub covered bench on the west sitting 8'-12' higher than the gravel parking lot portion on the east. A large portion of the bench on the west has a layer of gravel and debris that has been sprayed by ski area snow blowers clearing the ski area lots in winter. Most of this area has a sparse coverage of immature cottonwood saplings. The western edge grades up into less disturbed forest area of silver fir, mountain hemlock, douglas fir and black cottonwood. Understory species include vine maple, huckleberry, and slide alder.

Soil pits excavated within the upland areas throughout the site include dry, gravelly high chroma soils with colors of 10YR $3/3 \& \frac{3}{4}$.

Wetlands and Streams

The south end of the site contains a small stream channel as well as an abutting wetland. Below is a description of these features;

Stream A

A small, steeply sloping stream (>16% slope) drains from west to east along the south side of the site. The OHWM of the channel was flagged with blue flags labeled S1-S7 and N1-N7. This channel is a mix of cobble and gravel bottom, and is somewhat ditched, and carries snow melt in the spring as well as some residual drainage in the summer. The stream passes through the site and then steeply slopes in a series of cascades down to a ditch in the parking lot. At this point it passes approximately 350' under the upper parking lot of the Summit East Ski area to a discharge point within a ditch along the west side of the lower parking lot. The channel width varies but is generally around 4' in width between OHWM.



Above: GPS mapping of wetland flag locations

This stream appears to meet the criteria of a Type Ns due to lack of fish use and seasonal flow. According to Kittitas County Municipal Code 17.A.04.030-4, Type Ns streams in the Cascade Ecoregion have a 50' buffer measured from the OHWM of the stream. In addition, a 15' Building Setback line is required from the edge of the buffer.

	Riparian Manageme	nt Zone Widths ^{1,2}
Stream Type	Cascade Ecoregion (feet)	Columbia Plateau Ecoregion (feet)
Type S (Shoreline)	See the SMP	See the SMP
Type F	150	100
Type Np	100	65
Type Ns	50	40

Wetland A

Wetland A is a scrub-shrub, depressional wetland that was flagged with pink flagging labeled A1-A14 (gps points 806-819). This wetland drains off to the south into the abutting Type 4 stream to the south. The stream does not appear to be flooded by the stream but is a depression that overflows to the stream.

This wetland is vegetated with a mix of sitka willow, slide alder, vine maple, twinberry, skunk cabbage, hedge nettle, and an unidentified sedge.

Soil pits excavated within the wetland revealed a mucky gravelly loam in the wetter areas and a gravelly loam on the drier with redox features and soils saturated to the surface and evidence of shallow standing water in the early spring.

Wetland A was rated using the *WADOE Washington State Wetland Rating System for Eastern Washington* 2014 update (Publ No. 14-06-030). This wetland was rated as a depressional wetland and scored a total of 18 points with 5 points for habitat indicating a Category III wetland. According to Kittitas County Municipal Code Chapter 17A.07.030, Category III wetlands have a buffer range of 75'-150' depending upon land use intensity. Assuming a high intensity land use (>1 unit per acre) for the site would result in a 150' buffer from the wetland edge. In addition, a 15' Building Setback line is required from the edge of the buffer.

Category of Wetland	Land Use with Low Impact ¹	Land Use with Moderate Impact ²	Land Use with High Impact ³
1	125 ft	190 ft	250 ft
П	100 ft	150 ft	200 ft
Ш	75 ft	110 ft	150 ft
IV	25 ft	40 ft	50 ft

Table 17A.07.030: Standard Buffer Widths

Proposed Project

The proposed project is the construction of a single condominium structure on the north, and 5 "rowhomes" on the south, as well as associated paved driveway, parking areas and infrastructure.

The stream, wetland and the associated 150' buffer of the Category III wetland encompass more than 50% of the parcel.

Per KCC 17A.07.030.11, buffer averaging is allowed but this would allow a maximum reduction to the buffer of 25%, or to a width of 112.5'. This still leaves a large amount of area which although buffer, is nonfunctional. The buffer north of Wetland A is a highly degraded area of non-functional buffer as it has been historically filled, graded, and is yearly covered with gravel from the parking lot snow clearing operations for Summit East. The buffer area contains scattered cottonwood saplings growing in a gravel/dirt substrate with little functional value to the wetland itself. In addition, the small area of trees within the buffer is also degraded from past grading and gravel deposition as well.



Above: Aerial photograph showing the large area of existing non-functional buffer and upland. This area has a thick layer of gravel that is deposited yearly on the site from the ski area parking lot snow clearing operations. The only vegetation is weedy species and scattered cottonwood saplings.

Proposed Reduced and enhanced buffer

As depicted on the Sewall Wetland Consulting, Inc. *"Wetland Buffer Enhancement Plan – Hyak PUD Parcel B" dated 3-8-22"*, a total of 19,117sf of the existing degraded buffer will be enhanced through removal of trash and gravel, and replanting with a mix of native vegetation. This area is covered by native species, (primarily cottonwood seedlings/saplings), but is a monotypic buffer condition which enhancement will greatly improve. Although this is a reduced buffer, the improvements in the function of the buffer through the removal of the gravel debris and restoration of a mixed native forested buffer plant community will provide greater protection to the wetland and the associated Type N stream to the east, than is currently provided by the 150' buffer that is undeveloped.

If you have any questions in regards to this report or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (253) 859-0515 or at <u>esewall@sewallwc.com</u>.

Sincerely, Sewall Wetland Consulting, Inc.

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Attached: Data sheets Rating Form & exhibits

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/ Applicant/Owner:	.			_ State: UA	_ Sampling Point: _	TAD
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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site	nap showing	a sampling	point loca	tions. transect	s. important fe	atures. etc.
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SOIL

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Histosol (A1)	Sandy Redox (S5)	1 cm Muck (A9) (LRR C)
Histic Epipedon (A2)	Stripped Matrix (\$6)	2 cm Muck (A10) (LRR B)
Black Histic (A3)	Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)	Reduced Vertic (F18)
Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)	Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)	Red Parent Material (TF2)
Stratified Layers (A5) (LRR C)	Depleted Matrix (F3)	Other (Explain in Remarks)
1 cm Muck (A9) (LRR D)	Redox Dark Surface (F6)	
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Thick Dark Surface (A12)	Redox Depressions (F8)	³ Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and
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Surface Water (A1)	Salt Crust (B11)	Water Marks (B1) (Riverine)
High Water Table (A2)	Biotic Crust (B12)	Sediment Deposits (B2) (Riverine)
Saturation (A3)	Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)	Drift Deposits (B3) (Riverine)
Water Marks (B1) (Nonriverine)	Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)	Drainage Patterns (B10)
Sediment Deposits (B2) (Nonriverine)	Oxidized Rhizospheres along Liv	ving Roots (C3) Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
Drift Deposits (B3) (Nonriverine)	Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)	Cravfish Burrows (C8)
Surface Soil Cracks (B6)	Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled S	Soils (C6) Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagen; (C0)
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Water-Stained Leaves (B9)		
Field Observations:		
Surface Water Present? Yes No	Depth (inches):	
Water Table Present? Yes No	Pépth (inches):	
Saturation Present? Yes No	Depth (inches):	Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes No
(includes capillary fringe)		
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitorin	g well, aerial photos, previous inspe	ections), if available:
Remarks:		

WETLAND [DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Arid West Region
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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach si	te map showin	g sampling point locat	tions, transect	s, important features, etc.
Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes Hydric Soil Present? Yes Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes	No No No	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?	a Yes	No
Remarks:				

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants.

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SOIL

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Restrictive Layer (if present):			
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Saturation (A3)	Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)	<u></u>	Drift Deposits (B3) (Riverine)
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SOIL

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RATING SUMMARY – Eastern Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #):	Truct B	Date of site visit:9-2
Rated by 51 Smll	Trained by Ecology?	Yes_No_ Date of training Sept 2018
HGM Class Used for Rating	Unit has mult	tiple HGM classes?YN

NOTE: Form is not complete without the figures requested (figures can be combined). Source of base aerial photo/map ______ goog te entry + Kittates taxsifter which

OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY 7

1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS Category I - Total score = 22 - 27 Category II - Total score = 19 - 21 Category III - Total score = 16 - 18 Category IV - Total score = 9 - 15			Score for each function based on three ratings (order of ratings is not important)		
FUNCTION	Improving Water Quality	Hydrologic	Habitat		9 = H,H,H 8 = H,H,M 7 = H,H,L
	Circle the	appropriate	ratings		7 = H,M,M
Site Potential	HML		H M		6 = H,M,L
Landscape Potential	H M L	Ĥ M L	H M L		6 = M,M,M
Value	B M L	H M L	H M L		5 = H,L,L
Score Based on Ratings	7	6	5	18 total	5 = M,M,L 4 = M,L,L 3 = L L

2. Category based on SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS of wetland

CHARACTERISTIC	CATEGORY Circle the appropriate category	
Vernal Pools	11 HI	
Alakali	I	
Wetland with high conservation value	ľ	
Bog	I	
Old Growth or Mature Forest – slow growing	I	
Aspen Forest	I	
Old Growth or Mature Forest – fast growing	П	
Floodplain forest	Ш	
None of the above		

Maps and figures required to answer questions correctly (Eastern Washington)

Depressional Wetlands

Map of:	To answer questions:	Figure #
Cowardin plant classes and classes of emergents	D 1.3, H 1.1, H 1.4	
Hydroperiods	D 1.4, H 1.2, H1.3	
Location of outlet (can be added to map of hydroperiods)	D 1.1, D1.4	
Boundary of 150 ft buffer (can be added to another figure)	D 2.2, D 5.2	
Polygon of area 1km from wetland edge - Including polygons for accessible habitat and undisturbed habitat	H 2.1, H2.2	
Screen capture of map of 303d listed waters in basin (from Ecology web site)	D 3.1, D 3.2	
Screen capture of list of TMDL's for WRIA in which unit is found (from web)	D 3.3	
Area of open water (can be added to map of hydroperiods)	H1.3.1	

Riverine Wetlands

Map of:	To answer questions:	Figure #
Cowardin plant classes and classes of emergents	H 1.1, H 1.4	
Hydroperiods	H 1.2, H1.3	
Ponded depressions	R 1.1	
Boundary of 150 ft buffer (can be added to another figure)	R 2.4	
Plant cover of trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	R 1.2, R 4.2	
Width of unit vs. width of stream (can be added to another figure)	R 4.1	
Polygon of area 1km from wetland edge -Including polygons for accessible	H 2.1, H2.2	
habitat and undisturbed habitat		
Screen capture of map of 303d listed waters in basin (from Ecology web site)	R 3.1	
Screen capture of list of TMDL's for WRIA in which unit is found (from web)	R 3.2, R 3.3	

Lake-fringe Wetlands

Map of:	To answer questions:	Figure #
Cowardin plant classes and classes of emergents	L 1.1, L 4.1, H 1.1, H 1.4	
Plant cover of trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	L 1.2	
Boundary of 150 ft buffer (can be added to another figure)	L 2.2	
Polygon of area 1km from wetland edge (Including polygons for accessible	H 2.1, H2.2	
habitat and undisturbed habitat)		
Screen capture of map of 303d listed waters in basin (from Ecology web site)	L 3.1	
Screen capture of list of TMDL's for WRIA in which unit is found (from web)	L 3.3	

Slope Wetlands

Map of:	To answer questions:	Figure #
Cowardin plant classes and classes of emergents	H 1.1, H 1.4	
Hydroperiods	H 1.2	
Plant cover of dense trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	S 1.3	
Plant cover of dense, rigid trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants (can be added to figure above)	S 4.1	
Boundary of 150 ft buffer (can be added to another figure)	S 2.1, S 5.1	
Polygon of area 1km from wetland edge (Including polygons for accessible habitat and undisturbed habitat)	H 2.1, H2.2	
Screen capture of map of 303d listed waters in basin (from Ecology web site)	S 3.1, S 3.2	
Screen capture of list of TMDL's for WRIA in which unit is found (from web)	S 3.3	

HGM Classification of Wetland Units in Eastern Washington

For questions 1-4 the criteria described must apply to the entire unit being rated for it to be classified correctly.

If the hydrologic criteria listed in each question do not apply to the entire unit being rated, you probably have a unit with multiple HGM classes. In this case, identify which hydrologic criteria in questions 1-4 apply, and go to Question 5.

- 1. Does the entire wetland unit **meet both** of the following criteria?
 - ____The vegetated part of the wetland is on the water side of the Ordinary High Water Mark of a body of permanent open water (without any plants on the surface) that is at least 20 acres (8 ha) in size
 - At least 30% of the open water area is deeper than 10 ft (3 m)

 \overline{NO} - go to 2 YES - The wetland class is Lake-fringe (Lacustrine Fringe)

- 2. Does the entire wetland unit meet all of the following criteria?
 - ____The wetland is on a slope (slope can be very gradual),
 - ____The water flows through the wetland in one direction (unidirectional) and usually comes from seeps. It may flow subsurface, as sheetflow, or in a swale without distinct banks. ____Does the water leaves the wetland without being impounded?
 - NOTE: Surface water does not pond in these type of wetlands except occasionally in very small and shallow depressions or behind hummocks (depressions are
 - usually <3ft diameter and less than 1 foot deep).
 - NO go to 3 YES - The wetland class is Slope
- 3. Does the entire wetland unit meet all of the following criteria?
 - _____ The unit is in a valley, or stream channel, where it gets inundated by overbank flooding from that stream or river
 - ____ The overbank flooding occurs at least once every ten years.
 - NOTE: The riverine unit can contain depressions that are filled with water when the river is not flooding.
 - NO go to 4 YES The wetland class is **Riverine**
- 4. Is the entire wetland unit in a topographic depression in which water ponds, or is saturated to the surface, at some time during the year. This means that any outlet, if present, is higher than the interior of the wetland.
 - YES The wetland class is **Depressional** NO - go to 5
- 5. Your wetland unit seems to be difficult to classify and probably contains several different HGM classes. For example, seeps at the base of a slope may grade into a riverine floodplain, or a small stream within a depressional wetland has a zone of flooding along its sides. IDENTIFY WHICH OF THE HYDROLOGIC REGIMES DESCRIBED IN QUESTIONS 1-7 APPLY TO DIFFERENT AREAS IN THE UNIT (make a rough sketch to help you decide). Use the following table to identify the appropriate class to use for the rating system if you have several HGM Wetland Rating System for Eastern WA: 2014 Update

classes present within your wetland. NOTE: Use this table only if the class that is recommended in the second column represents 10% or more of the total area of the wetland unit being rated. If the area of the HGM class listed in column 2 is less than 10% of the unit; classify the wetland using the class that represents more than 90% of the total area.

HGM Classes within the wetland unit being rated	HGM Class to Use in Rating
Slope + Riverine	Riverine
Slope + Depressional	Depressional
Slope + Lake-fringe	Lake-fringe
Depressional + Riverine (the riverine portion	Depressional
is within the boundary of depression)	
Depressional + Lake-fringe	Depressional
Riverine + Lake-fringe	Riverine

If you are unable still to determine which of the above criteria apply to your wetland, or if you have more than 2 HGM classes within a wetland boundary, classify the wetland as **Depressional** for the rating.

DEPRESSIONAL WETLANDS	Points
Water Quality Functions - Indicators that the site functions to improve water quality.	(only 1 score per box)
D 1.0 Does the wetland unit have the <u>potential</u> to improve water quality?	
D 1.1 Characteristics of surface water flows out of the wetland unit:	
Wetland has no surface water outlet - points = 5	
Wetland has an intermittently flowing outlet	
Wetland has a highly constricted permanently flowing outlet points = 3	
Wetland has a permanently flowing surface outlet points = 1	5
D 1.2 The soil 2 inches below the surface (or duff layer) is clay or organic (use NRCS definitions of soils)	
YES points = 3 NO points = 0	
D 1.3 Characteristics of persistent vegetation (emergent, shrub, and/or forest Cowardin class)	
Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, vegetation for > 2/3 of area points = 5	
Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, vegetation from 1/3 to 2/3 of area points = 3	
Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation from 1/10 to < 1/3 of area points = 1	5
Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation <1/10 of area points = 0	5
D 1.4 Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation.)	
This is the area of ponding that fluctuates every year. Do not count the area that is permanently ponded.	
Area seasonally ponded is > ½ total area of wetland points = 3	
Area seasonally ponded is ¼ - ½ total area of wetland points = 1	
Area seasonally ponded is < ¼ total area of wetland	0
Total for D 1Add the points in the boxes above	8
Rating of Site Potential If score is: $12-16 = H$ $6-11 = M$ $0-5 = L$	
Record the rating on the first page	

D 2.0 Does the landscape have the potential to support the water quality function at the site?		
D2.1 Does the Wetland unit receive stormwater discharges?	b = 0 j	
D 2.2 Is > 10% of the buffer within 150 ft of wetland unit in land uses that generate pollutants $Yes = 1$	No=0	
D2.3 Are there are septic systems within 250 ft of the wetland unit? Yes = $1 N_{es}$	\sim	
D2.4 Are there are other sources of pollutants coming into the wetland that are not listed in questions		
D2.1 – D2.3? SourceYes = No		
Total for D 2 Add the points in the boxes ab	ove Z	
Rating of Landscape Potential If score is: 3 or 4 = H (1 or 2 = M) 0 = L		

Landscape Potential IT SCORE IS:

(1 or 2 = M)	0 = L	
Record the	rating on	the first page

D 3.0 Is the water quality improvement provided by the site valuable to society?	
D3.1 Does the unit discharge directly (within 1 mile) to a stream, river, or lake that is on the 303dJist? Yes = 1 $R_0 = 0$	0
D 3.2 Is the unit in a basin or sub-basin where water quality is an issue in some aquatic resource (303d list, eutrophic lakes, problems with nuisance and toxic algae)? Yes = 1 No = 0	(
D 3.3 Has the site been identified in a watershed or local plan as important for maintaining water quality? (answer YES if there is a TMDL for the drainage or basin in which unit is found) (Yes = 2) No = 0	2
Total for D 3 Add the points in the boxes above	3
<u>Rating of Value</u> If score is: $(2-4 = H)$ $1 = M$ $0 = L$	**************************************

Record the rating on the first page

DEPRESSIONAL WETLANDS Hydrologic Functions - Indicators that the site functions to reduce flooding and stream erosion	Points (only 1 score • per box)
D 4. 0 Does the wetland unit have the <u>potential</u> to reduce flooding and erosion?	
D 4.1 Characteristics of surface water flows out of the wetland unit:	
Wetland has no surface water outlet points = 8	
Wetland has an intermittently flowing outlet	
Wetland has a highly constricted permanently flowing outlet points = 4	4
Wetland has a permanently flowing surface outlet points = 0	
(If outlet is a ditch and not permanently flowing treat unit as "intermittently flowing")	
D 4.2 Depth of storage during wet periods Estimate the height of ponding above the bottom of the outlet. For	
units with no outlet measure from the surface of permanent water or deepest part (if dry).	
Seasonal ponding: => 3 ft above the lowest point in unit or the surface of permanent ponding points = 8	
Seasonal ponding: 2 ft - < 3 ft above the lowest point in unit or the surface of permanent ponding points = 6	
The wetland is a "headwater" wetland" points = 4	
Seasonal ponding: 1 ft - < 2 ft points = 4	
Seasonal ponding: 6 in - < 1 ft points = 2	
Seasonal ponding: <6 in orr unit has only saturated soils points = 0	5 0
Total for D 4 Add the points in the boxes above	4

Rating of Site Potential If score is: 12 - 16 = H 6 - 11 = M

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1 = M 0 - 5 = L Record the rating on the first page

D 5.0 Does the landscape have	the potential t	o support hydrol	ogic functions at t	he site?		
D5.1 Does the unit receive any sto	rmwater discha	rges?		fes = 1 No = 0)	
D5. Is >10% of the land use within	150 ft of the we	etland in a land us	es that generates ru	noff? $Yes = 1$ No = 0	1	
D 5.3 Is more than 25% of the con	tributing basin o	of the wetland unit	covered with intens	sive human land uses? (Yes = 1) No = 0	1	
Total for D 5	Add the	points in the box	es above		3	
Rating of Landscape Potential	If score is:	(3 = H)	1,2 = M	0 = L		

Record the rating on the first page

D 6.0 Are the hydrologic functions provided by the site valuable to society?	Mariana a
 D 6.1 Is the unit is in a landscape that has flooding problems? Choose the description that best matches conditions around the wetland unit being rated. Do not add points. Choose the highest score if more than one condition is met. The wetland captures surface water that would otherwise flow downgradient into areas where flooding has damaged human or natural resources (e.g. salmon redds), AND Damage occurs in sub-basin that is immediately downgradient of unit points=2 Damage occurs in a sub-basin further down-gradient The existing or potential outflow from the wetland is so constrained by human or natural conditions that the water stored by the wetland cannot reach areas that flood. 	
Explain why points = 0	
There are no problems with flooding downstream of the unit.points = 0	
D 6.2 Has the site has been identified as important for flood storage or flood conveyance in a regional flood control plan? Yes = 2 No = 0	9
Total for D 6Add the points in the boxes above	1
Rating of Value If score is: 2-4 = H (1=M) 0 = L	Franker, and a second second

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	provide important	habitat		per oox)
H 1. Does the wetland unit have the <u>potential</u> to provide habi	tat for many specie	es?		
H 1.1 Categories of vegetation structure				
Check the Cowardin vegetation classes present and categories of em	nergent plants. Size t	hreshold	for each	
category is >= $\%$ acre or >= 10% of the unit if unit is < 2.5 acres				
Emergent plants 0-12 in. (0 – 30 cm) high are the highest	layer and have > 30%	cover		
Emergent plants >12 – 40 in.(>30 – 100cm) high are the h	ighest layer with >30	% cover		
Emergent plants > 40 in.(> 100cm) high are the highest la	yer with >30% cover			
Scrub/shrub (areas where shrubs have >30% cover)	4-6	checks	points = 3	:
Forested (areas where trees have >30% cover)	3 cł	necks	points = 2	
	2 ch	necks	points = 1	_
	1 Ci		points = 0	0
H 1.2. Is one of the vegetation types "aquatic bed?"	YES = 1 point	NO =	0 points	0
H 1.3. Surface Water				
H 1.3.1 Does the unit have areas of "open" water (without he	rbaceous or shrub pl	ants) ove	r at least ¼	
acre OR 10% of its area during the March to early June OR in	August to the end of	Septemb	er?	
Note: answer YES for Lake-fring	ge wetlands			
H 1 3 2 Does the unit have an intermittent or permanent and	l unvegetate distrear	$n_{\rm U} = go t$	0 H 1.3.2	
boundaries, or along one side, over at least ½ acre or 10% of i	its area. (answer ves	only if H	l.3.1 is NO)?	
YES = 3 points		NO = 0 pc	pints	M
H 1.4. Richness of Plant Species				
Count the number of plant species in the wetland that cover at lea	ast 10 ft ² . (<i>different</i>)	patches c	f the same	
species can be combined to meet the size threshold) You	I do not have to nam	e the spec	cies.	
Do not include Eurasean Milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple	loosestrife, Russian C	olive, Phro	ıgmites,	
Canadian Thistle, Yellow-flag Iris, and Salt Cedar (Ta	marisk)			,
# of species Scoring: > 9 species = 2 points (4-9 spec	cles = 1 permt < 4 spe	ecies = 0 p	oints	/
H 1.5. Interspersion of habitats				Figure
Decide from the diagrams below whether interspersion between ty	pes of plant structure	es (descri	oed in H 1.1),	
and unvegetated areas (open water or mudflats) is high, medium, lo	ow, or none.			
Use map of Cowardin plant classes prepared for questions Hi	1.1 and map of open	water fro.	m H1.3	
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None = 0 points) Low = 1 point Mor	erate = 2 points			
None = 0 points Low = 1 point Mod	derate = 2 points			
None = 0 points Low = 1 point Mod	derate = 2 points			
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None = 0 points Low = 1 point Mod	derate = 2 points			
None = 0 points Low = 1 point Mod High = 3 points High = 3 points ripa	derate = 2 points	Is with 2 d	lasses = High	C

A Wetland name or number_____

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H 1.6. Special Habitat Features:		
Check the habitat features that are present in the wetland unit. The number of checks is the score.		
Loose rocks larger than 4" or large, downed, woody debris (>4in. diameter) within the area of surface		1
ponding or in stream.		
Cattails or bulrushes are present within the unit.		
Standing snags (diameter at the bottom > 4 inches) in the wetland unit or within 30 m (100ft) of the edge.		
Emergent or shrub vegetation in areas that are permanently inundated/ponded.		
Stable steep banks of fine material that might be used by beaver or muskrat for denning (>45 degree		
slope) OR signs of recent beaver activity		
Invasive species cover less than 20% in each stratum of vegetation (canopy, sub-canopy, shrubs,		
herbaceous, moss/ground cover) Maximum score possible = 6	1	
H 1. TOTAL Score - Add the check marks in the box above	5	

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Rating of Site Potential	If score is:	12 - 16 = H	6 - 11 = M	(0-5=1)
			Record the rating	on the first page

H 2.0. Does the landscape have the potential to support habitat at the site?		
H 2.1 Accessible habitat (only area of habitat abutting wetland unit). Calculate:		
% undisturbed habitat+ [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] =	=%	
If total accessible habitat is:		
> 1/3 (33.3%) of 1km circle (~100 hectares)	points = 3	
20 - 33% of 1km circle	points = 2	
10- 19% of 1km circle	points = 1	
<10% of 1km circle	points = 0	0
H2.2 Undisturbed habitat in 1km circle around unit. If:	Contract of the local division of the local	
Undisturbed habitat > 50% of circle	points = 3	
Undisturbed habitat 10 - 50% and in 1-3 patches	points = 2	
Undisturbed habitat 10 - 50% and > 3 patches	points = D	1
Undisturbed habitat < 10% of circle	points = 0	1
H2.3 Land use intensity in 1 km circle. If:		
> 50% of circle is high intensity land use	points = (- 2)	
Does not meet criterion above	points = 0.3	0
The wetland unit is in an area where annual rainfall is less than 12 inches, and its water regime is not		
influenced by irrigation practices, dams, or water control structures. (Generally,	this means outside	4
boundaries of reclamation areas, irrigation district, or reservoirs) poin	<u>ts = 3</u>	
Total for H 2Add the points in the boxes above		

Rating of Landscape Potential If score is: 4-6=H

1-3 = M < 1 = L

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H 3.0 Is the Habitat provided by the site valuable to societ	y?
H3.1Does the site provides habitat for species valued in laws, re	gulations or policies? (choose the highest score)
Site meets ANY of the following criteria:	points = 2
It provides habitat for Threatened or Endangered specie	es (any plant or animal on state or federal lists)
It is a "priority area" for an individual WDFW species	
It is a Wetland With a High Conservation Value as deter	mined by the Department of Natural Resources
It has 3 or more priority habitats within 100m (see Appe	endix B)
It has been categorized as an important habitat site in a	local or regional comprehensive plan, in a
Shoreline Master Plan, or in a watershed plan	
Site has 1 or 2 priority habitats within 100m (see Appendix B)	points = 1
Site does not meet any of the criteria above	points = 0
Rating of ValueIf score is:2 = H	(1=M) 0 = L
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CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Please determine if the wetland unit meets the attributes described below and circle the appropriate Category. NOTE: A wetland may meet the criteria for more than one set of special characteristics. Record all those that apply. NOTE: All units should also be characterized based on their functions.

Wetland Type	Category
Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the Category when the	and the second
appropriate criteria are met.	
SC 1.0 Vernal pools	
Is the wetland unit less than 4000 ft² , and does it meet at least two of the following criteria?	
 Its only source of water is rainfall or snowmelt from a small contributing basin and has no groundwater input 	
— Wetland plants are typically present only in the spring; the summer	
vegetation is typically upland annuals. NOTE: If you find perennial,	
"obligate", wetland plants the wetland is probably NOT a vernal pool	
The soil in the wetland are shallow (<1ft deep (30 cm)) and is underlain by	
an impermeable layer such as basalt or clay.	
SC 1.1 Is the vernal pool relatively undisturbed in February and March?	
YES = Go to SC 1.2 NO $-$ not a vernal pool with special characteristics	
SC 1.2 Is the vernal pool in an area where there are at least 3 separate aquatic resources within 0.5 miles (other wetlands, rivers, lakes etc.)? YES = Category II NO = Category II	Cat. II Cat. III
SC 2.0 Alkali wotlande	
Does the wetland unit meets one of the following two criteria?	
The wetland has a conductivity > 3.0 mS/cm.	
— The wetland has a conductivity between 2.0 - 3.0 mS, and more than 50%	
of the plant cover in the wetland can be classified as "alkali" species (see	
Table 4 for list of plants found in alkali systems).	
— If the wetland is dry at the time of your field visit, the central part of the	
area is covered with a layer of salt.	
OR does the wetland unit meets two of the following three sub-criteria?	
Salt encrustations around more than 80% of the edge of the wetland	
A pH above 0.0. All alkali wetlands have a high pH, but plance note that	
some freshwater wetlands may also have a high pH. Dut please note that	
a good indicator of alkali wetlands	
YES = Category I NO – not an alkali wetland	Cat. I

SC 3.0 Wetlands with High Conservation Value (WHCV)	
SC 2.1 Has the Department of Natural Resources updated their web site to include the list of	
Wetlands with High Conservation Value?	
YES - Go to SC 2.2 NO – Go to SC 2.3	Cat. I
SC 2.2 Is the wetland unit you are rating listed on the DNR database as having a High	
Conservation Value? YES = Category I NO = not a WHCV	
SC 2.3 Is the wetland unit being rated in a Section/Township/Range that contains a Natural	
Heritage wetland?	
http://www1.dnr.wa.gov/nhp/refdesk/datasearch/wnhpwetlands.pdf	
YES – contact WNHP/DNR and go to SC 2.4 NO = not a WHCV	
SC 2.4 Has DNR identified the wetland within the S/T/R as a wetland with High Conservation	
value and is listed on their web site?	
YES = Category I NO not an WHCV	
SC 4.0 Bogs and Calcareous Fens	
Does the wetland unit (or any part of the wetland unit) meet both the criteria for soils and	
vegetation in bogs or calcareous fens. Use the key below to identify if the wetland is a bog or	
calcareous fen. If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.	
SC 4.1. Does an area within the wetland unit have organic soil horizons (i.e. layers of organic	
soil), either peats or mucks, that compose 16 inches or more of the first 32 inches of the	
soil profile? (See Appendix C for a field key to identify organic soils)?	
Yes - go to SC 4.3 No - go to SC 4.2	
SC 4.2. Does an area within the unit have organic soils, either peats or mucks that are less	
than 16 inches deep over bedrock or an impermeable hardpan such as clay or volcanic	
ash, or that are floating on top of a lake or pond??	
Yes - go to SC 4.3 No - Is not a bog for rating	
SC 4.3. Does an area within the unit have more than 70% cover of mosses at ground level	
AND at least 30% of the total plant cover consists of species in Table 5?	
Yes – Category I bog No - go to SC 4.4	
NOTE: If you are uncertain about the extent of mosses in the understory you may	
substitute that criterion by measuring the pH of the water that seeps into a hole dug at	
least 16 deep. If the pH is less than 5.0 and the plant species in Table 5 are present, the wotland is a boa	
we cludid is a bog. SC A A is an area with posts or mucks forested ($> 20\%$ cover) with subalaine fir western red	
sedar western hemlock lodgenole nine, guaking asnen. Englemann's spruse, or western	
white nine AND any of the species (or combination of species) listed in Table 5 provide	
more than 30% of the cover under the canony	
Yes – Category I hog $NO - go to question SC 4.5$	Cat I
5 Do the species listed in Table 6 comprise at least 20% of the total plant cover within an area of	
neats and mucks?	
Yes - Is a Calcareous Fen for purpose of rating No - go to Question 6	
6. Do the species listed in Table 6 comprise at least 10% of the total plant cover an area of peats	
and mucks. AND one of the two following conditions is met:	
• Marl deposits (calcium carbonate (CaCO3) precipitate) occur on the soil surface or plant	
stems	
 The pH of free water ≥ 6.8 AND electrical conductivity ≥ 200 uS/cm at multiple locations 	
within the wetland	
Yes – Is a Category I calcareous fen No - Is not a calcareous fen	Cat. I

SC 5.0 Forested Wetlands	
Does the wetland unit have an area of forest rooted within its boundary that meets at least	
one of the following three criteria? (Continue only if you have identified a forested class is	
present in question H 1.1)	
 The wetland is within the "100 year" floodplain of a river or stream 	
 aspen (Populus tremuloides) represents at least 20% of the total cover of woody species 	
— There is at least ¼ acre of trees (even in wetlands smaller than 2.5 acres) that are	
"mature" or "old-growth" according to the definitions for these priority habitats	
developed by WDFW (see definitions in question H3.1)	
YES = go to SC 5.1 NO - not a forested wetland with special characteristics	
SC 5.1 Does the wetland unit have a forest canopy where more than 50% of the tree species (by	
cover) are slow growing native trees (see Table 7)	Cat. I
YES = Category I NO = go to SC 5.2	
SC 5.2 Does the unit have areas where aspen (Populus tremuloides) represents at least 20% of	Cat. I
the total cover of woody species.	
YES = Category I NO = go to SC 5.3	
SC 5.3 Does the wetland unit have areas with a forest canopy where more than 50% of the tree species (by cover) are fast growing species. (<i>see Table 7</i>)	Cat. II
YES = Category II NO = go to SC 5.5	
SC 5.4 Is the forested component of the wetland within the "100 year floodplain" of a river or stream?	
YES = Category II	Cat. II
Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics	
Choose the "highest" rating if wetland falls into several categories. If you answered NO for all types enter "Not Applicable" on p.1	NA

Appendix B: WDFW Priority Habitats in Eastern Washington

<u>Priority habitats listed by WDFW</u> (see complete descriptions of WDFW priority habitats, and the counties in which they can be found, in: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. 2008. Priority Habitat and Species List. Olympia, Washington. 177 pp. <u>http://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/00165/wdfw00165.pdf</u>)

Count how many of the following priority habitats are within 330 ft (100m) of the wetland unit? NOTE: This question is independent of the land use between the wetland unit and the priority habitat.

___Aspen Stands: Pure or mixed stands of aspen greater than 0.4 ha (1 acre).

___Biodiversity Areas and Corridors: Areas of habitat that are relatively important to various species of native fish and wildlife (*full descriptions in WDFW PHS report p. 152*).

___Old-growth/Mature forests: <u>Old-growth east of Cascade crest</u>: Stands are highly variable in tree species composition and structural characteristics due to the influence of fire, climate, and soils. In general, stands will be >150 years of age, with 25 trees/ha (10 trees/acre) that are > 53 cm (21 in) dbh, and 2.5-7.5 snags/ha (1 – 3 snags/acre) that are > 30-35 cm (12-14 in) diameter. Downed logs may vary from abundant to absent. Canopies may be single or multi-layered. Evidence of human-caused alterations to the stand will be absent or so slight as to not affect the ecosystem's essential structures and functions. Mature forests: Stands with average diameters exceeding 53 cm (21 in) dbh; crown cover may be less than 100%; decay, decadence, numbers of snags, and quantity of large downed material is generally less than that found in old-growth; 80 - 200 years old west and 80 - 160 years old east of the Cascade crest.

___Oregon white Oak: Woodlands Stands of pure oak or oak/conifer associations where canopy coverage of the oak component is important (*full descriptions in WDFW PHS report p. 158 – see web link above*).

Riparian: The area adjacent to aquatic systems with flowing water that contains elements of both aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems which mutually influence each other.

Instream: The combination of physical, biological, and chemical processes and conditions that interact to provide functional life history requirements for instream fish and wildlife resources.

___Caves: A naturally occurring cavity, recess, void, or system of interconnected passages under the earth in soils, rock, ice, or other geological formations and is large enough to contain a human.

____Cliffs: Greater than 7.6 m (25 ft) high and occurring below 5000 ft.

Talus: Homogenous areas of rock rubble ranging in average size 0.15 - 2.0 m (0.5 - 6.5 ft), composed of basalt, andesite, and/or sedimentary rock, including riprap slides and mine tailings. May be associated with cliffs.

____Snags and Logs: Trees are considered snags if they are dead or dying and exhibit sufficient decay characteristics to enable cavity excavation/use by wildlife. Priority snags have a diameter at breast height of > 51 cm (20 in) in western Washington and are > 2 m (6.5 ft) in height. Priority logs are > 30 cm (12 in) in diameter at the largest end, and > 6 m (20 ft) long.

____Shrub-steppe: A nonforested vegetation type consisting of one or more layers of perennial bunchgrasses and a conspicuous but discontinuous layer of shrubs (see Eastside Steppe for sites with little or no shrub cover).

___Eastside Steppe: Nonforested vegetation type dominated by broadleaf herbaceous flora (i.e., forbs), perennial bunchgrasses, or a combination of both. Bluebunch Wheatgrass (Pseudoroegneria spicata) is often the prevailing cover component along with Idaho Fescue (Festuca idahoensis), Sandberg Bluegrass (Poa secunda), Rough Fescue (F. campestris), or needlegrass (Achnatherum spp.).

____ Juniper Savannah: All juniper woodlands.

Note: All vegetated wetlands are by definition a priority habitat but are not included in this list because they are addressed elsewhere.

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