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Good afternoon Rachael,

DNR Southeast Region Forest Practices appreciates the opportunity to provide comments that relate to the property and the Reasonable Use (RU-22-00002 East Peak) notice. The property is just under 27 acres in size, and appears to be mostly undeveloped, with stands of timber in the northern and southern most portions. Additionally, I note that in GIS, our hydro layer shows a possible Type N (non-fish bearing) stream running east/west through a small area of the southernmost part of the property, which based on the project narrative, does not seem to be slated for development at this time, however, on the associated site plan, it appears that the townhome/rowhome building(s) will be located in the central part of the property, and I do note that aerial imagery seems to show some mature trees in this location.

My comments are that in order to clear the trees from central portion of the parcel for the townhouse/rowhouse building(s), the property owner will need an approved Class IV-General Forest Practices Application from the DNR, prior to any ground action (timber harvest, stump pulling). Since the DNR cannot accept the application for a FPA without a SEPA determination, we will need the project proponent to work with Kittitas County on running SEPA, since they will need both an approved IV-G FPA as well as various permits from you, such building permits. In the situation where a SEPA checklist notes the need for multiple permits for a project, WAC 197-11-938 (4)(c) essentially states that that the county shall be lead agency for SEPA.

I understand if there is no technical trigger for Kittitas County at this time to run SEPA as the lead agency, but I wanted to make you aware that we will be directing the property owners to engage with you on SEPA. In the event we were to receive an FPA without a SEPA determination, it would be deemed incomplete. In the event we were to receive an FPA with a SEPA checklist, we would need to formally let Kittitas County know that per the aforementioned WAC, you will be lead agency on SEPA for any development of this property. I am more than happy to discuss the best way to coordinate with the project proponents, in order to have them navigate the regulatory process. Please let me know if I may be of any assistance or answer any questions or concerns you have.

Best regards,

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