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Bradley Gasawaski
Kittitas County Community Development Services
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RE: RU 23-00001

Dear Bradley Gasawaski:

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment during the Notice of Application process for the Teanaway Ridge Reasonable Use Variance. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) would like to add the following comment, this is in addition to our November 29, 2023 response.

Shorelands and Environmental Assistance

The critical areas report provided with the application identifies that the wetlands and shoreline jurisdiction on a vast majority of the property under consideration for development is within the Rural Conservancy Shoreline Jurisdiction. The Kittitas County SMP prohibits non-water oriented commercial development and use within the Rural Conservancy shoreline environment.

Please reach out to Ryan Anderson at (509) 379-1917 or rand461@ecy.wa.gov with any questions.

Water Resources

New Uses in Upper Kittitas County

Your project is located within the boundaries of WAC 173-539A so it may be subject to the rule. If you are planning on withdrawing groundwater for a new use within the boundaries of WAC 173-539A, your project must be water budget neutral. Before withdrawing or using any water please submit a *Request of Determination of Water Budget Neutrality* or an *Application for a New Water Right Permit*, depending on the size of your project either form may be required.

If you have any questions, please contact the Water Resources Customer Service line at 509-575-2597.

Sincerely,

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