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SUBJECT: WDFW COMMENTS ON SP-20-00004 HEIN APPLICATION

Dear Ms. Bacon,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the SP-20-00004 Hein application concerning a proposed short plat on parcels #267336 and 107336. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has reviewed the application and supporting documents, including the stream report prepared by Sewall Wetland Consulting, Inc. Our comments surround conclusions made in the stream typing report.

WDFW has worked with the landowner previously to both type the stream along the western boundary of parcel 107336 and issued a Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) for bank stabilization work on this stream, near the constructed garage. While WDFW agrees with the report that the stream is incorrectly mapped, it does not cross the field as shown on the stream map but rather follows the western edge of the property as described in the stream report, WDFW does not agree with the proposed stream classification. WDFW has previously verified the stream typing on this stream and determined it met the physical characteristics for a Type F stream. A letter documenting that information was previously sent to the applicant and Kittitas County and is attached to this letter.

Further, while the report concludes there is no defined channel on the streams located on the hillside of the proposed Lot 4. These conclusions have not been field verified by WDFW nor any other agency of natural resource expertise to our knowledge. Prior to any building on Lot 4, a Forest Practice Application from Washington Department of Natural Resources is likely required, and the streams and slope stability would need to be reviewed under that application before any forest clearing could occur on Lot 4.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Scott Downes
Area Habitat Biologist

Cc:

Elizabeth Torrey, WDFW
Lindsey Ozbolt, Kittitas County CDS