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Ellie Myers
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RE: SEPA 202502902; SP-25-00009

Dear Ellie Myers:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Application for the Brown Road Short Plat. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

Water Quality Program

Dividing or platting a piece of property is often the first step in a proposed development. An NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit may be required if there is a potential for stormwater discharge from a construction site with disturbed ground. Ground disturbance includes all utility placements, and building or upgrading roads. The permitting process requires going through SEPA, developing a stormwater pollution prevention plan, submitting an application, and a 30-day public notice process. This may take 38-60 days. A permit and a stormwater plan are required prior to beginning ground-breaking activities. Please contact Wendy Neet with the Department of Ecology, (509) 571-6733, with questions about this permit.

Water Resources Program

The Attorney General's Opinion, (AGO 1997 No. 6) regarding the status of exempt ground water withdrawals, states that a group of wells drilled by the same person or group of persons, at or about the same time, in the same area, for the same purpose or project should be considered a single withdrawal. It would also not be exempt from the permitting requirement contained in RCW 90.44.050 if the total amount withdrawn for domestic use exceeds 5,000 gallons per day or if a total of more than .5 acre of lawn and garden are irrigated. If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Water

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Resources comments, please contact Nathan Longoria at (509) 907-1752 or email at nathan.longoria@ecy.wa.gov.

Ecology's comments are based upon information provided by the lead agency. As such, they may not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations that must be obtained or legal requirements that must be fulfilled in order to carry out the proposed action.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these comments, please contact the appropriate reviewing staff listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amber Johnson".

Amber Johnson
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