

From: [Adam Osbekoff](#)
To: [Jeremiah Cromie](#)
Subject: RE: SE-22-00053 KC Flood Control Zone District - Notice of Application
Date: Thursday, June 2, 2022 3:35:19 PM

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Hello Jeremiah

The Snoqualmie Tribe [Tribe] is a federally recognized sovereign Indian Tribe. We were signatory to the Treaty of Point Elliott of 1855; we reserved certain rights and privileges and ceded certain lands to the United States. As a signatory to the Treaty of Point Elliot, the Tribe specifically reserved among other things, the right to fish at usual and accustomed areas and the “privilege of hunting and gathering roots and berries on open and unclaimed lands” off-reservation throughout the modern-day state of Washington.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. Based on the information provided and our understanding of the project and its APE we have no substantive comments to offer at this time. However, please be aware that if the scope of the project or the parameters for defining the APE change we reserve the right to modify our current position.

Thank you

Adam Osbekoff

From: Jeremiah Cromie [mailto:jeremiah.cromie@co.kittitas.wa.us]
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From: [Holly Erdman](#)
To: [Jeremiah Cromie](#)
Cc: [Jesse Cox](#)
Subject: RE: SE-22-00053 KC Flood Control Zone District - Notice of Application
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 8:52:25 AM

Jeremiah,

Public health has reviewed this application and has no comments or concerns with the proposed project.

Thank you,

Holly Erdman

From: Jeremiah Cromie <jeremiah.cromie@co.kittitas.wa.us>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 9:17 AM
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June 7, 2022

Kittitas County Community Development Services
411 N. Ruby St. Suite 2
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Attn: Jeremiah Cromie, Planner II

RE: SE-22-00053 KC Flood Control Zone District
I-90 Exit 74, West Nelson Siding Road.

We have reviewed the proposed project and have the following comments.

- The subject property is adjacent to Interstate 90 (I-90), a fully-controlled limited access facility with a posted speed limit of 70 miles per hour. WSDOT has acquired all access rights to I-90. Direct access to the interstate is prohibited.
- All loads transported on WSDOT rights-of-way must be within the legal size and load limits or have a valid oversize and/or overweight permit.
- It is the applicant's responsibility to keep and maintain I-90 free of debris.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jacob Prilucik at (509) 577-1635.

Sincerely,

Paul Gonseth, P.E.
Region Planning Engineer

PG: jjp/mnk

cc: SR 90, File #2022_003
Michael Krahenbuhl, Area 1 Maintenance Superintendent

From: [Bill Iverson](#)
To: [Jeremiah Cromie](#)
Subject: KC Flood Control (SE-22-00053)
Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 7:36:53 AM
Attachments: [KittitasCounty_DraftPlans.pdf](#)

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Jeremiah,

I wish to enter a comment in regards to Flood Control (SE-22-00053) and wondering if this email is sufficient, or do you need a printed copy delivered?

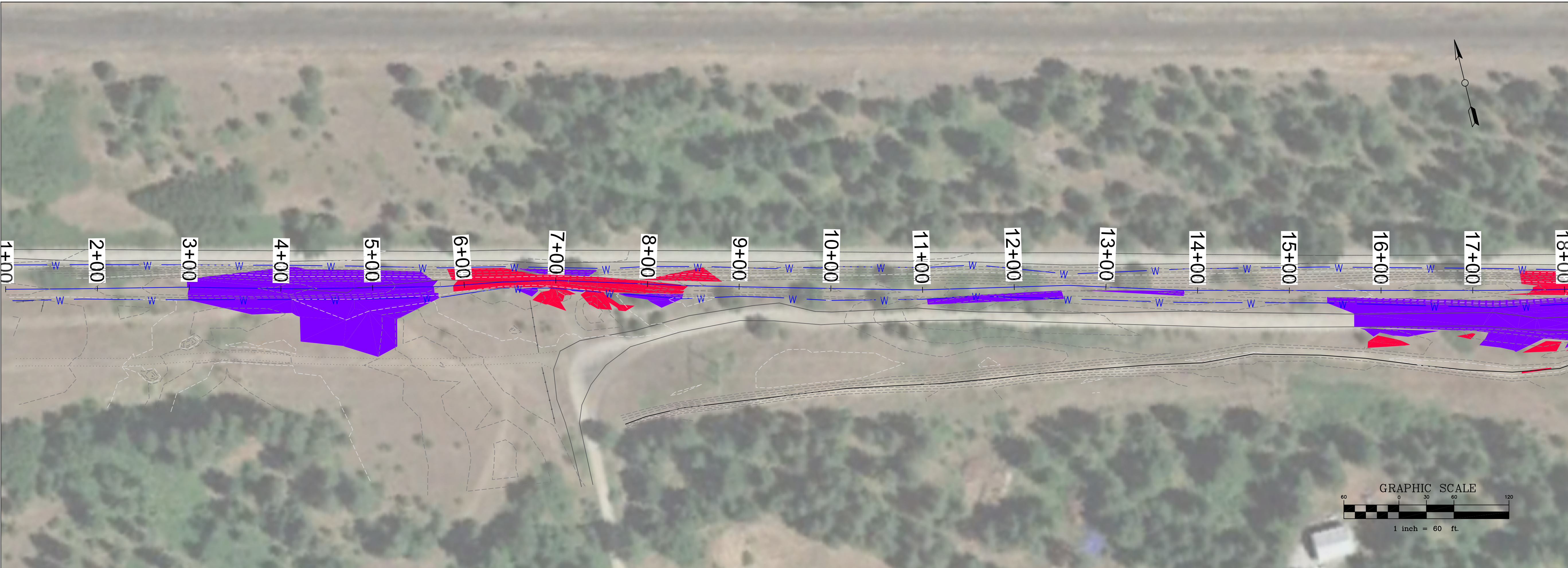
I attach an elevation profile (KittitasCounty_DraftPlans.pdf) that we received from Kittitas County a couple years ago, after we met with County engineers at this site. My concern is that the existing (unpermitted) adjacent road is consistently at a higher elevation than the proposed drainage ditch, which will make most of the work by Kittitas County a complete waste of time. Flood waters cannot reach the proposed improvements due to the impervious surface labelled "Existing Road" on attached document.

I request details of the County plan, showing how flood waters can ever even reach the proposed improvements. Most likely that would require installation of culverts under the "Existing Road" which crosses State Park property.

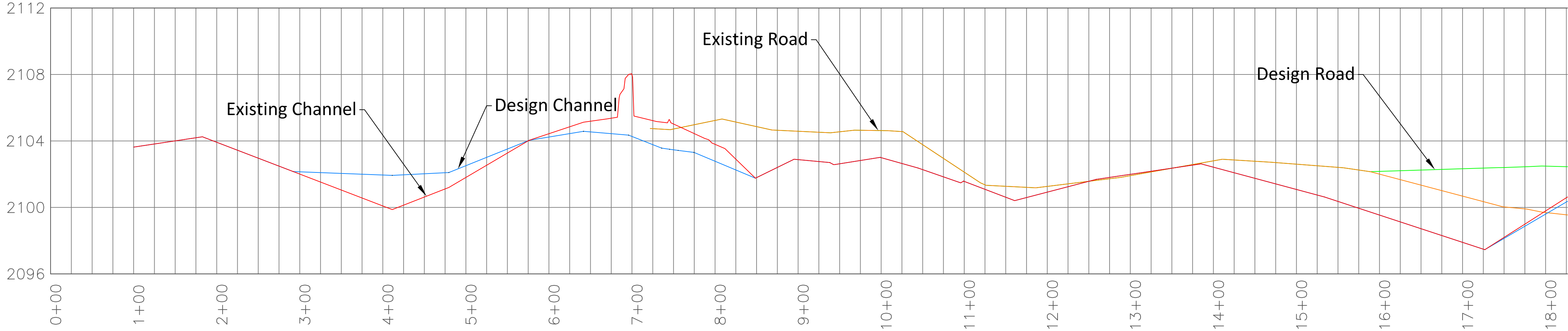
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941 Old Cedars Rd
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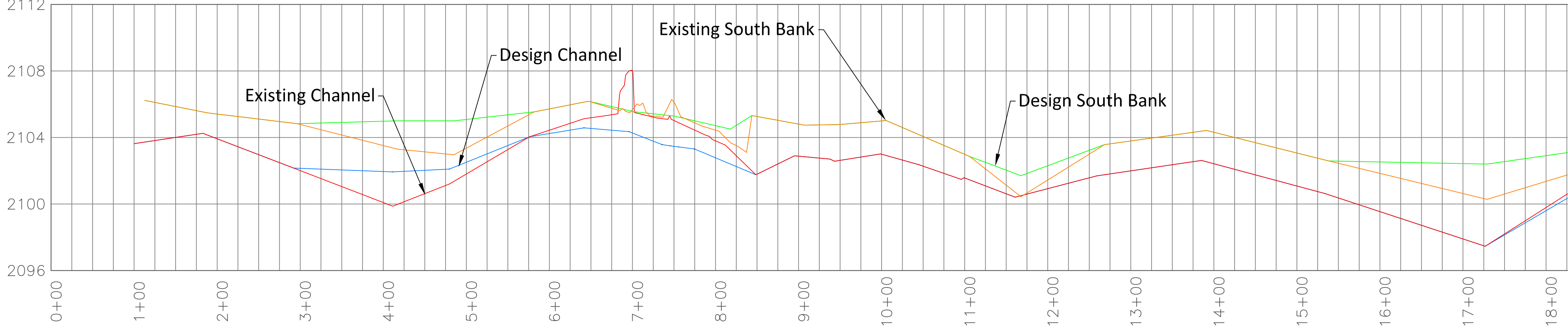
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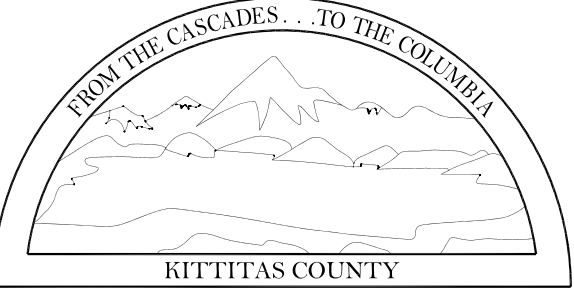


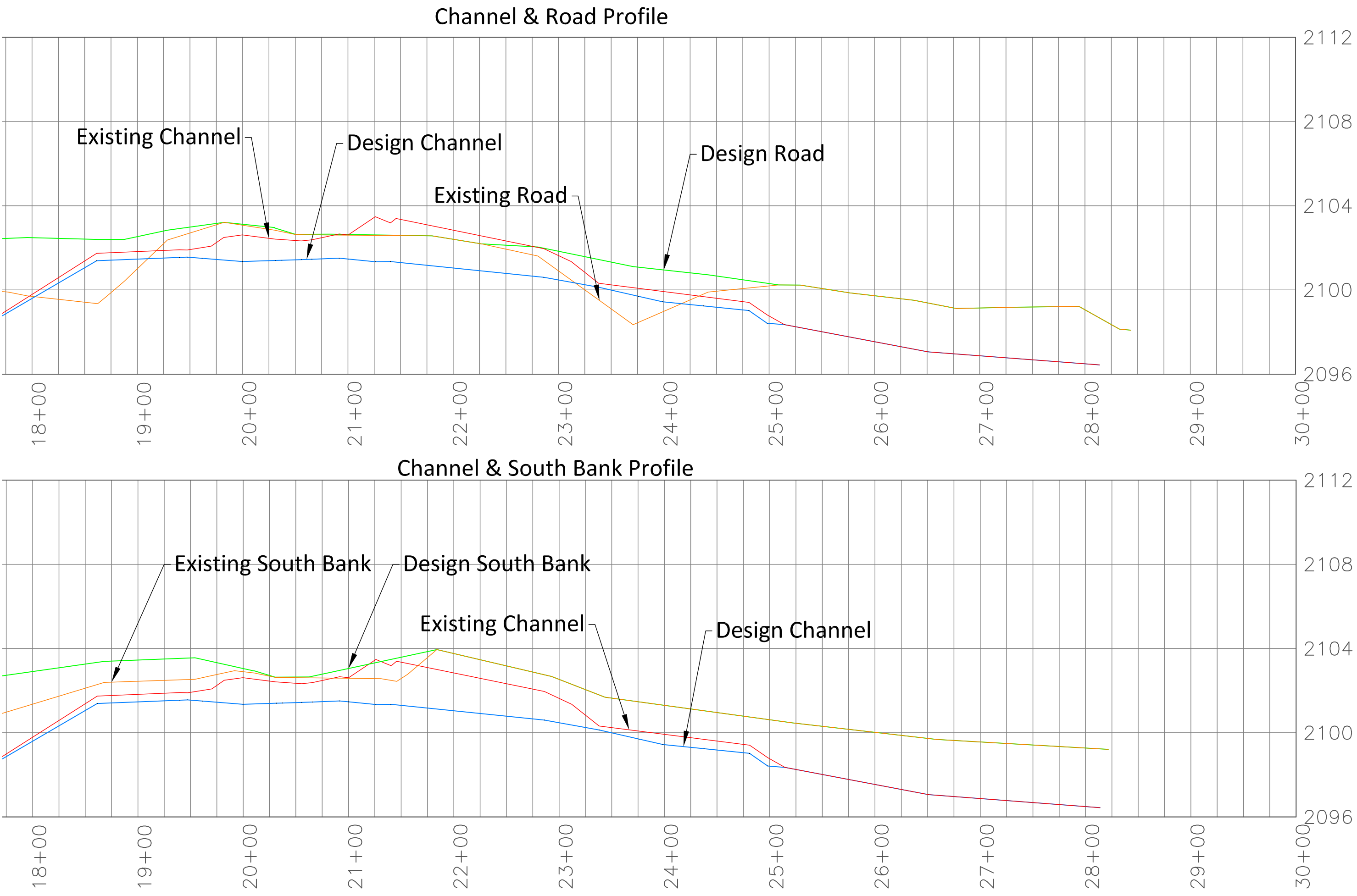
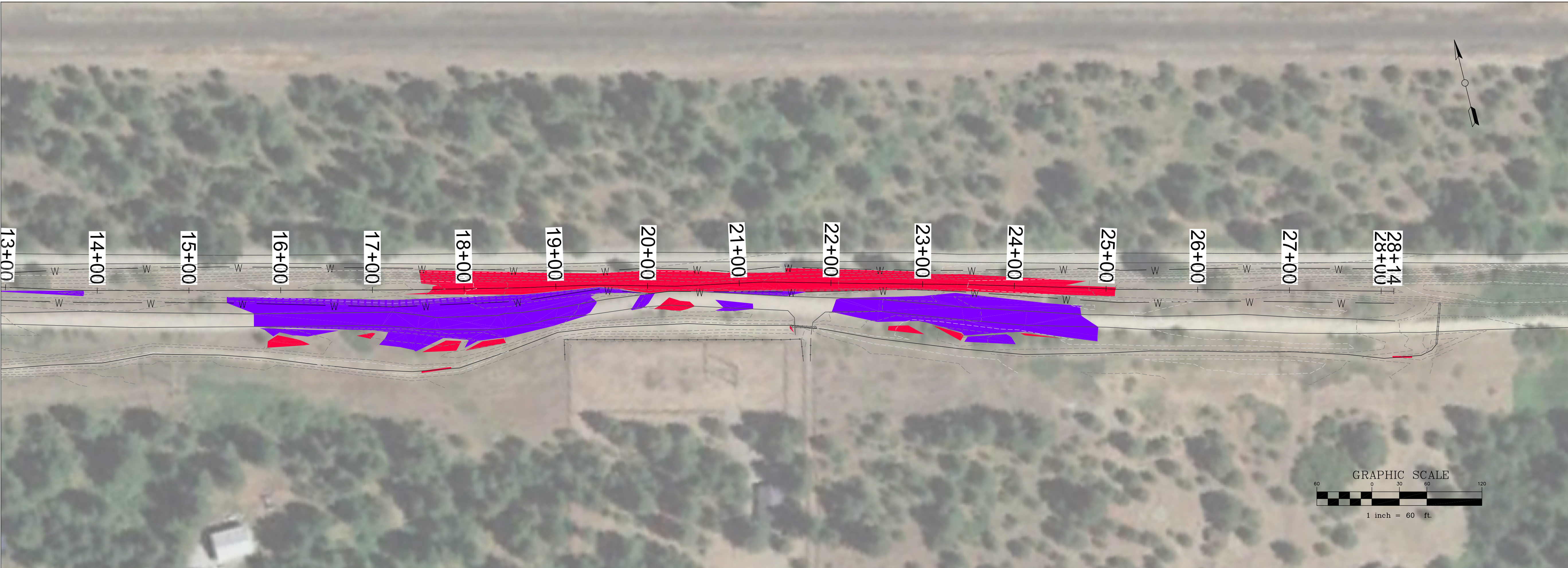
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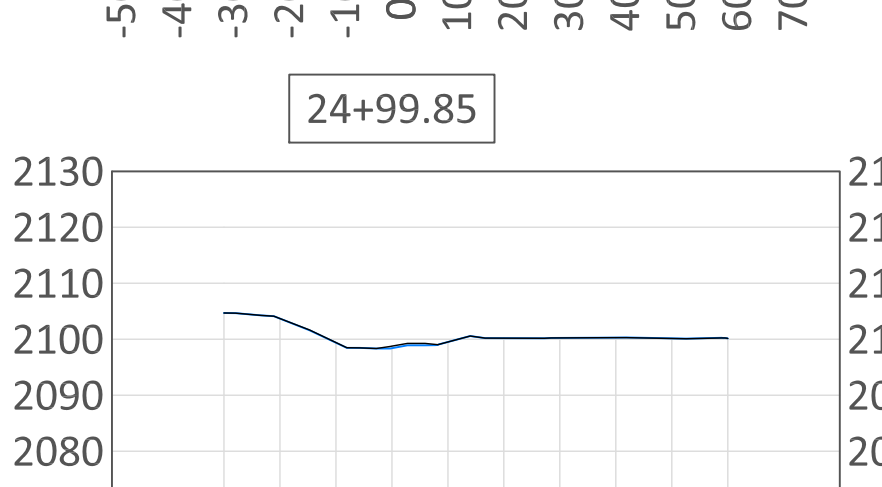
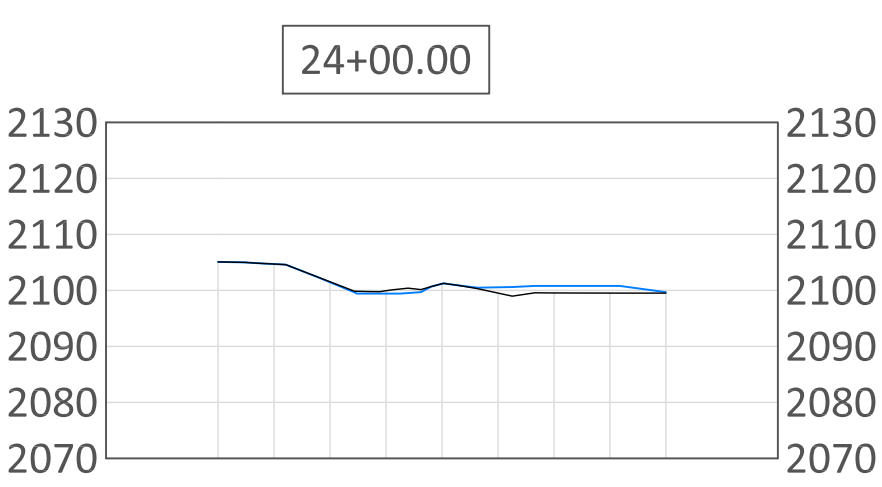
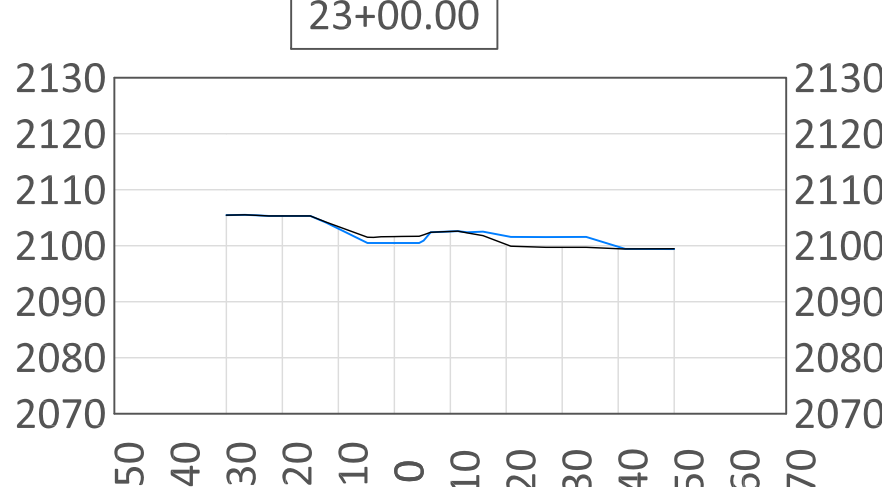
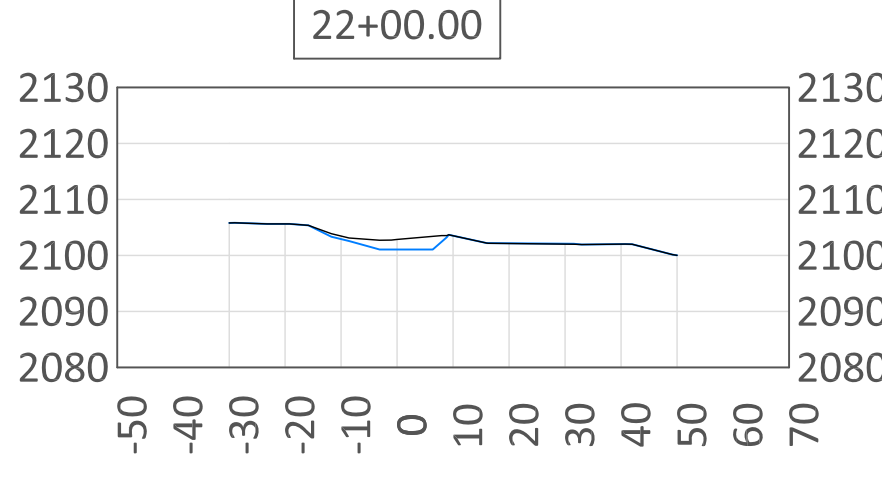
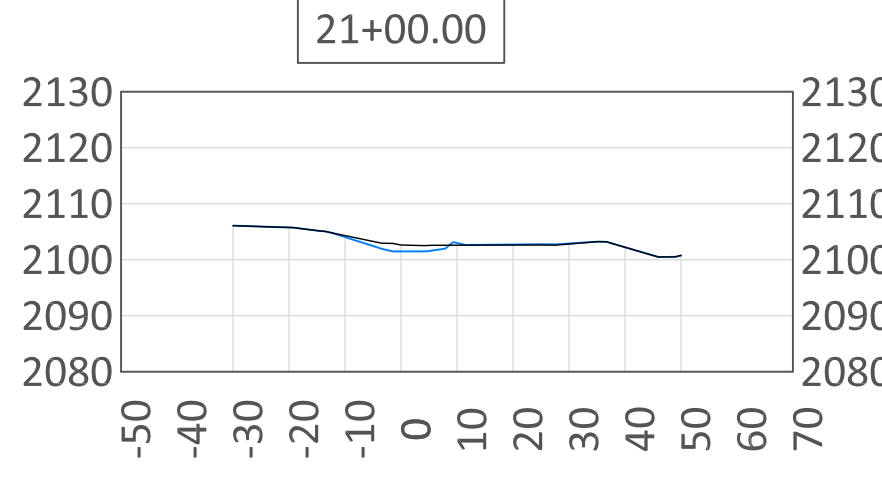
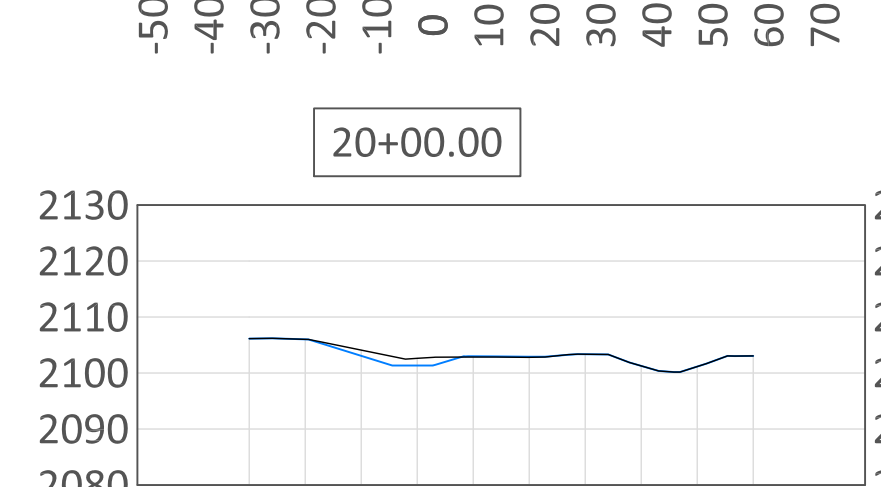
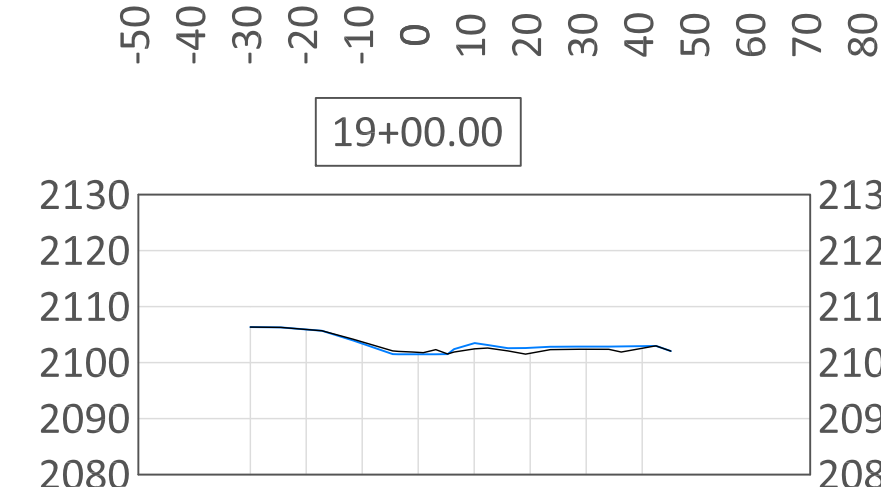
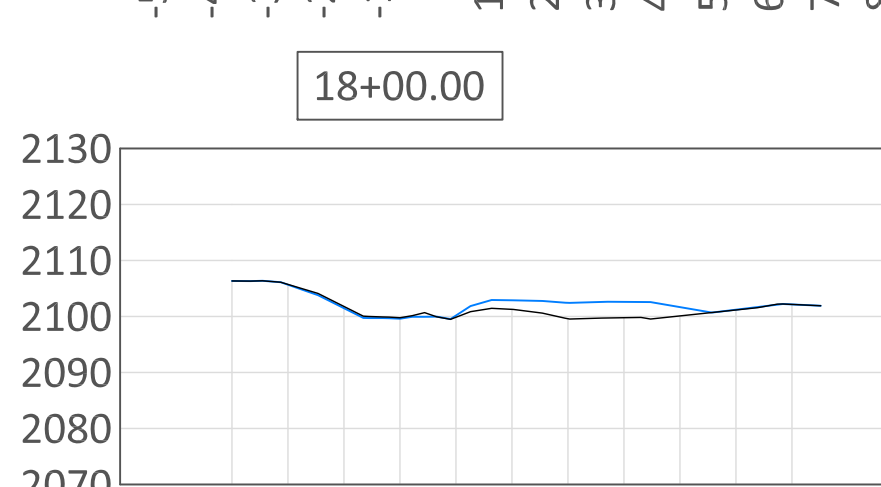
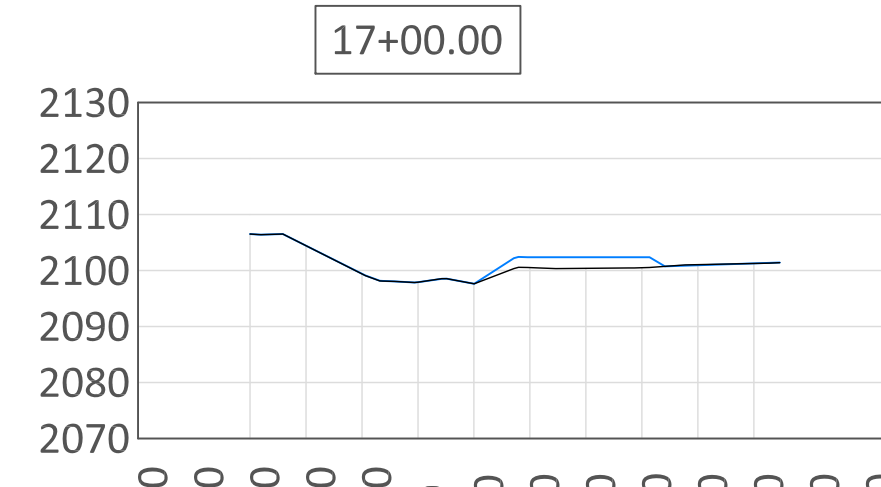
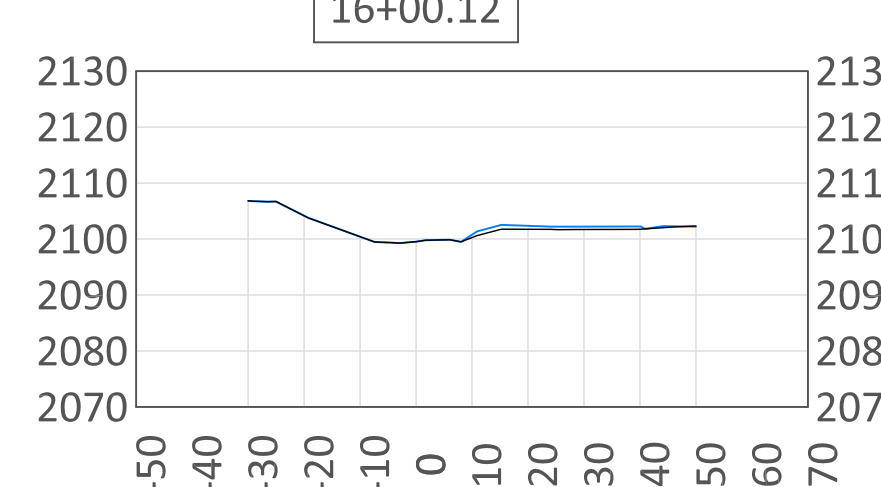
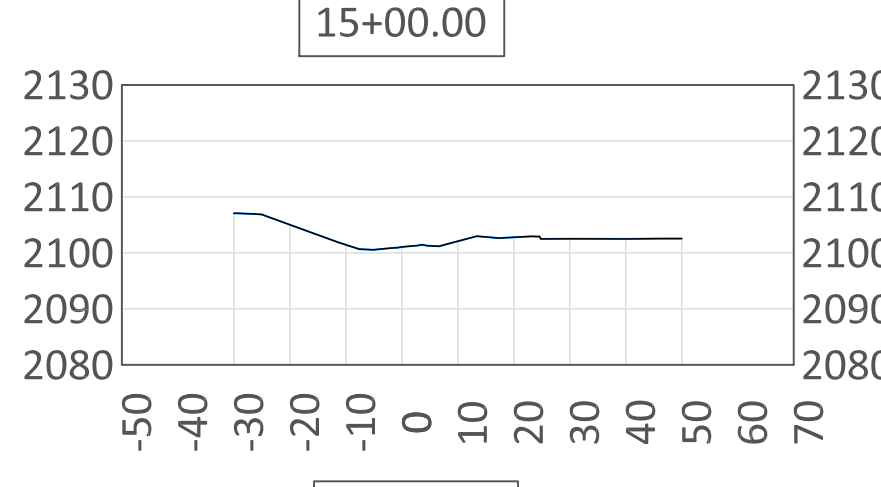
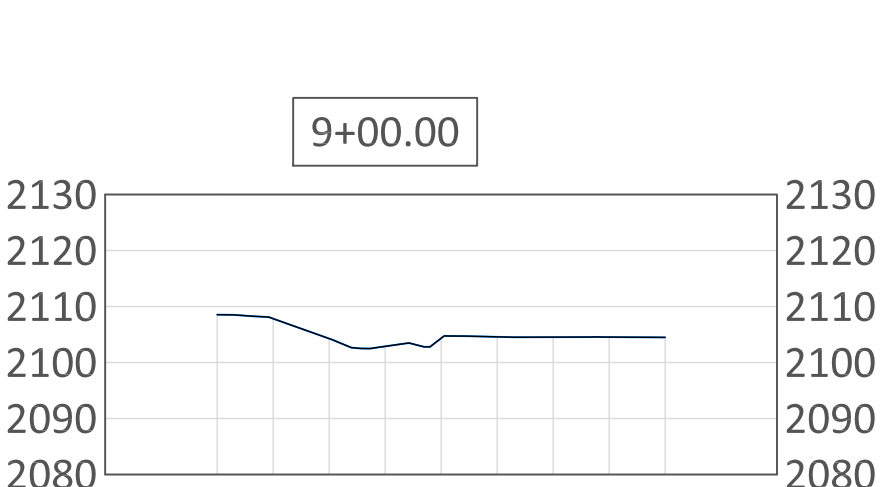
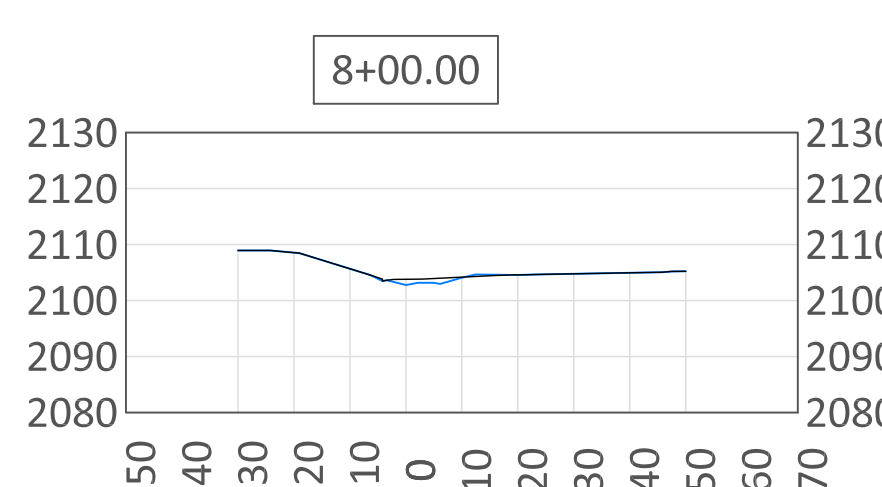
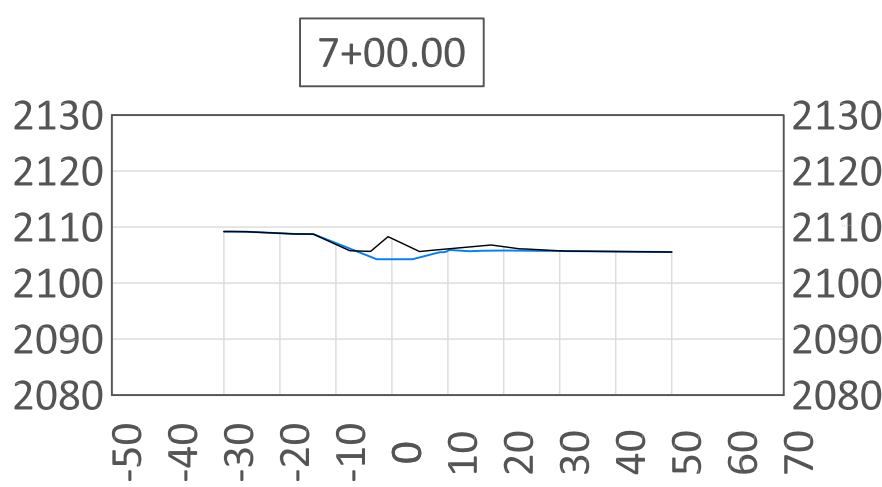
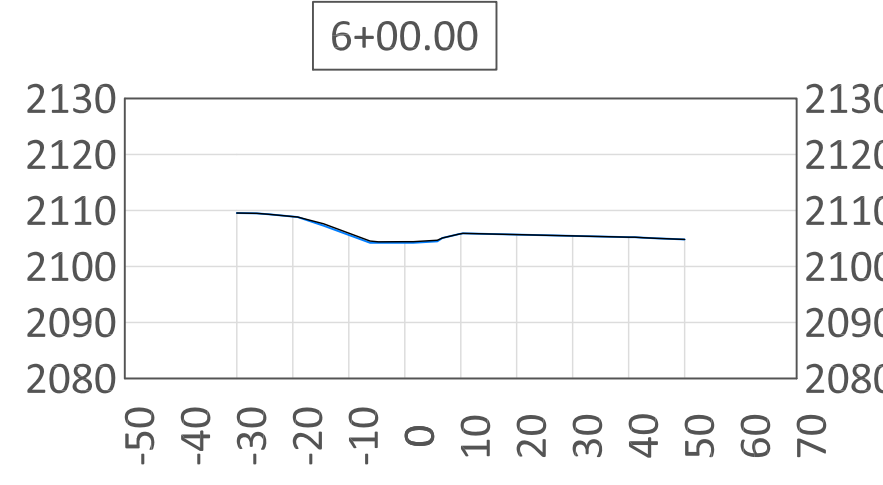
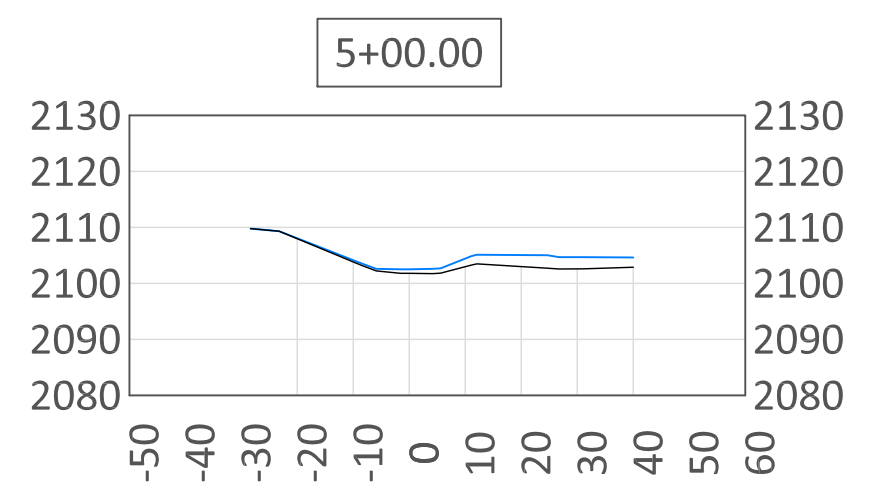
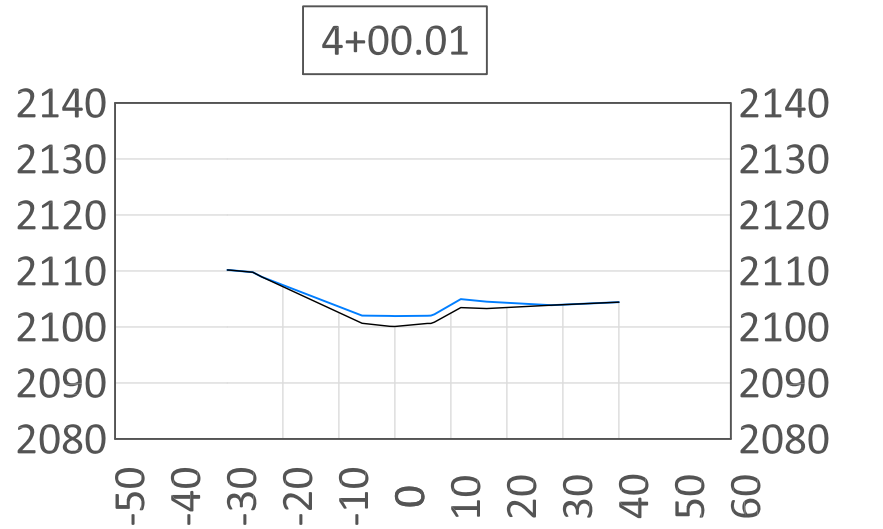
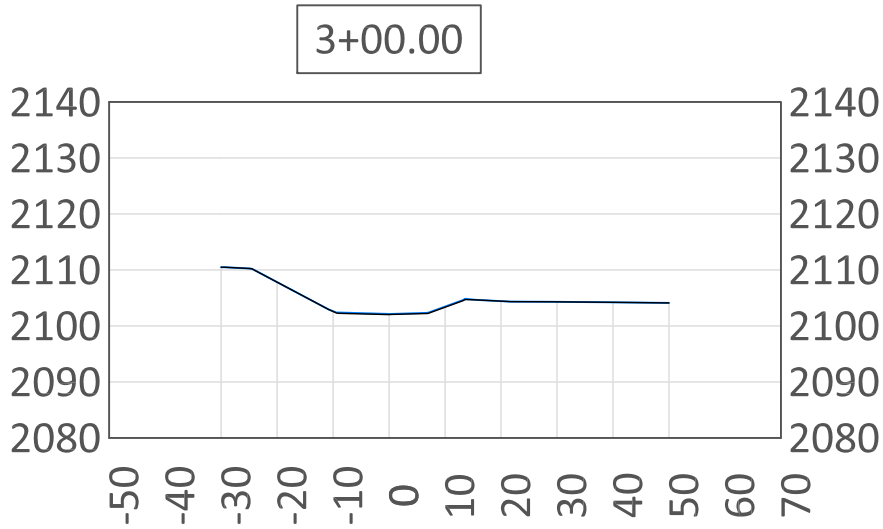
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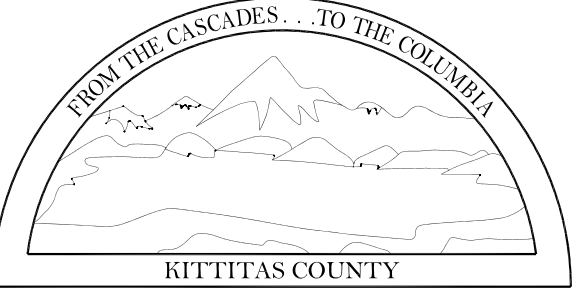
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June 15, 2022

Jeremiah Cromie
Kittitas County Community Development
411 N. Ruby St., Suite 2
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Re: SEPA Register 202202745, SE-22-00053

Dear Jeremiah Cromie:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Optional Determination of Non Significance process for the reestablishment of the Palouse to Cascade Ditch, proposed by Kittitas County Flood Control Zone District. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

WATER QUALITY

Erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading, or construction. These control measures must prevent soil from being carried by stormwater runoff into surface waters, or into stormwater drains that may discharge directly to surface water. Sand, silt, and soil will damage aquatic habitat and are considered pollutants.

If you have any questions concerning the Water Quality comments, please contact **Wendy Neet** at (509) 571-6733 or email at wendy.neet@ecy.wa.gov.

WATER RESOURCES

Dust Control from a Well

If the plan to use water for dust suppression at this project site, be sure that you have a legal right. In Washington State, prospective water users must obtain authorization from the Department of Ecology before diverting surface water or withdrawing ground water, with one exception. Ground water withdrawals of up to 5,000 gallons per day used for single or group domestic supply, up to 5,000 gallons per day used for industrial purposes, stock watering, and

Jeremiah Cromie

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for the irrigation of up to one-half acre of non-commercial lawn and garden are exempt from the permitting process.

Water use under the [RCW 90.44.050](#) exemption establishes a water right that is subject to the same privileges, restrictions, laws and regulations as a water right permit or certificate obtained directly from Ecology. Temporary permits may be obtainable in a short time-period.

The concern of Water Resources is for existing water rights. In some instances water may need to be obtained from a different area and hauled in or from an existing water right holder.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Water Resources comments, please contact **Christopher Kossik** at (509) 379-1826 or email at christopher.kossik@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gwen Clear".

Gwen Clear
Environmental Review Coordinator
Central Regional Office
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crosepa@ecy.wa.gov

From: [wendy schufreider](#)
To: [Jeremiah Cromie](#)
Subject: SE-22-00053 KC Flood Control Zone
Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 11:01:24 PM

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June 15th, 2022

To: Jeremiah Cromie

From: John and Wendy Schufreider
Lot 8A Coyote Creek Development
KC Flood Control Zone District SE-22-00053

Jeremiah;

We received your informative letter regarding the flood control of our area.

We want to thank you for taking the lead on this flood control issue and associated problems. We very much appreciate your due diligence and attention to these concerns.

Prior to getting into the details of the verbiage of your letter, there are a few items I wish to address;

-in 2020, the county and state parks department met with residents of coyote creek along the 'unimproved PSE easement road' that was being filled and graded with gravel. This was and is having a direct impact on the flow of water and pervious (ability for the ground to absorb water) from tucker creek and the land users from the church property above us. It appears that although these residents have a different access to their properties, they have elected not to develop that. Instead, they have opted to use the state parks land to access their property. With that they have upset the natural flow of water with their grading and filling, causing flooding conditions. Not to mention the opening of an illegal road that can be accessed by nefarious people.

-since when did the illegal road become a private access road? If the state parks determined that to be a 'private access' road, the residents along that road should have been notified as well as Kittitas County for a building permit. We were not notified of such. In so doing, you have impacted the value of our homes since we have been paying for a private gated entrance to ensure safety in our area. Since our homes can be accessed by a 'private access' road, we no longer have a secure entrance. I believe that has legal ramifications.

So that said, we appreciate your willingness to evaluate and accept the concerns we have. It is so unsettling to have cars/semis going behind your property that can stop and just hang back there when this should be a secure area.

As to your 'Proposal'....

-We agree with the item 'to restore the function of the existing ditch....', 'elements consist of re-ditching the existing structure.' agree with the 'total area'...

-We DO NOT agree that the adjacent 'private access' will be brought to grade. That is what

started this entire mess. This 'private road' should be GONE.

-The land owners using that 'private road' should be required to develop the intended access to their property previously determined by the County when building permits were issued.

Thanking you in advance.

John and Wendy Schufreider
963 Old Cedars Road
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wendyschuf@gmail.com

From: smoine99@gmail.com
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Cc: joemoine@outlook.com; wendyschuf@gmail.com; [Alanna Dunn](#); lenalovesmail@gmail.com
Subject: KC Flood Control Zone District (SE-22-00053) citizen comment
Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 10:05:22 PM
Attachments: [Sepa Environmental Checklist Kittitas County Flood Control Zone District.pdf](#)
[Parks_Davis State Parks.docx](#)

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Dear Kittitas County Community Development Services,
Attn: Jeremiah Cromie

I am writing in regards to the notice of application dated Thursday, June 2, 2022 for application received May 19, 2022.

Project name: KC Flood Control Zone District (SE-22-00053).

First, we would like to thank Kittitas County for your attention to this problem ditch along the John Wayne Trail (Palouse to Cascades) which has been filled in over time. We appreciate your efforts to get the ditch cleaned out so that in the event of another flood, Coyote Creek hopefully will not have the same problems that we did during the last flood in February of 2020.

Our only concern is the reference in your letter stating the location is "...Access is a private drive off at 6740 Nelson Siding Rd. between the State Parks Palouse to Cascade Trail (BNSF Railway parcel ID 848736) on the North and private properties referred to as the Old Cedars Development on the South."

Over the years, I have talked to the county and State Parks many times about this road. It is not a private drive, nor a private access. The county and State Parks have referred to this road as a PSE easement road on State Parks land. (See attached letter from Kevin Davis / Park Ranger 3 #404 dated Nov. 21, 2020 which refers to the road as a PSE Easement road. Since this road has had much confusion, we request that you correct the letter to the community and the SEPA checklist to refer to the road correctly for what it is. We just don't want confusion in the future, and of course do not want precedence set.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Best Regards,
Shelley Moine
551 Old Cedars Road
Email: smoine99@gmail.com

Davis, Kevin (PARKS)

7:42AM
(11/21/
20)

to Joshua, Jason, Robert, HOA Coyote Creek

Good morning,

Thank you for taking the time to meet on-site to help clarify the issues affecting the Coyote Creek HOA, and the request for State Parks to assist with solution to access and drainage. I'm sorry we missed you all after the meeting. Josh and I walked back to our vehicles and waited for the group, but only the Kittitas County Public Works employees returned for their vehicles.

As Construction and Maintenance Supervisor Josh White mentioned, a proposal will need to be made to State Parks in order for Josh to begin the paperwork necessary to request State Parks to excavate a drainage ditch to allow excess water coming from outside the State Park to flow East along the trail. The proposal will undergo a review process with no guarantee of authorization.

In regards to the concern of illegal access on the PSE easement road running parallel to the trail West of West Nelson Siding road, State Parks will be recommending the following actions through our chain of command:

1. Installing a sign post with "Entering State Parks Property" and "Authorized Vehicles Only"
2. Installing a gate on the East end of the road with a combo lock
3. Requiring NON emergency, utility, or park staff to request a right-of-entry permit to use the road to gain entry to private property
4. Installing a gate on the trail at Tall Timbers to prohibit vehicles accessing the area from the West and detaching motorists from accessing from the East to bypass I-90 traffic.
5. Installing jersey barriers on the West end of the trail right of way to detract vehicles from accessing the trail from the PSE easement road.

Respectfully,

Kevin Davis

Park Ranger 3 #404

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Central Cascades Area- East Operations Manager

Ginkgo Petrified Forest, Wanapum Recreation Area, Yakima Sportsman, Fort Simcoe, Helen McCabe, Olmstead Place, Palouse to Cascades Trail, and Lake Easton State Parks

C: 509-350-0032



KITTITAS COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Community Development Services

FROM: Public Works Plan Review Team

DATE: June 16, 2022

SUBJECT: SE-22-00053 KC Flood Control Zone District

In review of the SEPA application from the KC Flood Control Zone District, Public Works has no comments to provide.

Feel free to contact our office with any questions.

From: [Bill Iverson](#)
To: [Jeremiah Cromie](#)
Subject: RE: KC Flood Control (SE-22-00053)
Date: Friday, June 17, 2022 12:06:16 PM

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Jeremiah,

I'd like to add an update, as the "Existing Road" referenced in my earlier comments, was just resurfaced with fresh gravel, pictures attached from today. This flood water barrier is now a few inches higher, and further compacted as an unpermitted impervious surface, which worsens the problem I described in my comments.

Bill Iverson
941 Old Cedars Rd
Cle Elum, WA

From: Jeremiah Cromie <jeremiah.cromie@co.kittitas.wa.us>
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To: 'Bill Iverson' <wpiverson@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: KC Flood Control (SE-22-00053)

Comments Received. This e-mail works fine, you did not need to submit a printed copy.

Jeremiah Cromie
Planner II
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Jeremiah,

I wish to enter a comment in regards to Flood Control (SE-22-00053) and wondering if this email is sufficient, or do you need a printed copy delivered?

I attach an elevation profile (KittitasCounty_DraftPlans.pdf) that we received from Kittitas County a couple years ago, after we met with County engineers at this site. My concern is that the existing (unpermitted) adjacent road is consistently at a higher elevation than the proposed drainage ditch, which will make most of the work by Kittitas County a complete waste of time. Flood waters cannot reach the proposed improvements due to the impervious surface labelled "Existing Road" on attached document.

I request details of the County plan, showing how flood waters can ever even reach the proposed improvements. Most likely that would require installation of culverts under the "Existing Road" which crosses State Park property.

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