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RE: VA-23-00009 Crow's Nest

Dear Mx. Pedersen:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed development of parcel 19401, in Section 33, Township 20N, Range 14E, W.M. in Kittitas County.

Based on remote review of this parcel it appears that portions are forested, and it will require a Forest Practices Application (FPA) from the DNR if merchantable timber is removed/harvested as part of the proposal and/or is being converted out of forest land (RCW 76.09 and WAC 222). The FPA would need to meet the requirements of the Forest Practices Act and its rules. It is our recommendation that the applicant meet with our local forest practices forester to discuss, they may call our Southeast Region office at (509) 925-8510 to schedule an appointment.

If there are questions regarding our comments, please contact our Region Forest Practices office at the number above.

Sincerely,

Luke Warthen

Luke Warthen
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From: [Connor Armi](#)
To: [Chace Pedersen](#)
Cc: [Guy Moura](#); [Hanson, Sydney \(DAHP\)](#)
Subject: Re: SE-23-00032 Crow's Nest - Notice of Application
Date: Thursday, January 11, 2024 5:26:21 PM

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Hello Chace,

This consult is in reference to SE-23-00032 Crow's Nest. This undertaking involves ground disturbance activities including the construction of a fire lookout tower above the treeline with a 400 sqft footprint, an access road which would involve grading and leveling and other associated infrastructure.

This undertaking is located within the CCT Usual and Accustom Territories. We request any undertakings, particularly those involving ground disturbing activities, to have an IDP in place prior to implementation.

The proposed project lies within the usual and accustom territory of the Wenatchi, 1 of the 12 constituent tribes of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CTCR), which is governed by the Colville Business Council (CBC). The CBC has delegated to the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) the responsibility of representing the CTCR with regard to cultural resources management issues throughout the traditional territories of all of the constituent tribes under Resolution 1996-29. This area includes parts of eastern Washington, northeastern Oregon, the Palus territory in Idaho, and south-central British Columbia.

If ground disturbing activities are to be conducted, such as but not limited to the installation of a septic system or the scraping of a driveway, a cultural resource surface survey and sub-surface testing of the area in and directly around the proposed ground disturbance are recommended as a surface observation will not be an accurate assessment of the existent potential for sub-surface cultural deposits. These Shovel Test Probes should at least be to the terminal depth of the proposed ground disturbance to ensure the totality of the presence or absence of cultural material.

There are known cultural resources of precontact and historic significance nearby and this particular parcel is considered to be Very High Risk for an inadvertent discovery according to the DAHP predictive model. This area has not been previously surveyed and a preliminary archaeological investigation would be prudent.

CCT requests a cultural resource survey prior to the implementation of ground disturbing activities and that during implementation that there be an inadvertent discovery plan or (IDP) in place to ensure compliance with all Section 106 and relevant cultural resource laws both federally and to the state of Washington.

Thank you for consulting with the Colville Confederated Tribes History and Archaeology Program.

On behalf of Guy Moura, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

Sincerely,

Connor Armi | [Archaeologist Senior MA, RPA](#)
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On Wed, Jan 3, 2024 at 8:35 AM Chace Pedersen <chace.pedersen@co.kittitas.wa.us> wrote:

Good morning,

CDS is requesting comments on the following SEPA application: **SE-23-00032 Crow's Nest**. Links to the file materials can be found below. Kittitas County anticipates issuing a DNS for this project application and is using the optional SEPA process. This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of this project.

The comment period will end **January 19, 2024, at 5pm**. CDS will assume your agency does not wish to provide comment if not received by this date. Please contact me directly with any questions or issues accessing the materials.

Public Access: [SE-23-00032 Crow's Nest](#)

Internal Access: SE-23-00032 Crow's Nest

Thank you,

Chace Pedersen

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Subject: RE: SE-23-00032 Crow"s Nest - Notice of Application (DAHP Project Tracking # 2024-01-00419)
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 1:34:35 PM

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Hi Chace,

Thank you for contacting the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and providing documentation regarding the above referenced project. These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the SHPO in conformance with Washington State law. Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised.

Our statewide predictive model indicates that there is a high probability of encountering cultural resources within the proposed project area. However, due to the small footprint of the project, DAHP is not requesting a cultural resources survey at this time. We do ask that you prepare an Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP) and prepare construction crews for the possibility of encountering archaeological material during ground disturbing activities.

Please note that the recommendations provided in this letter reflect only the opinions of DAHP. Any interested Tribes may have different recommendations. We appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from Tribes or other parties concerning cultural resource issues that you receive.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. Please ensure that the DAHP project Tracking Number is attached to any future communications about this project.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

All the best,

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To Protect and Promote the Health and the Environment of the People of Kittitas County

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SE-23-00032 Crow's Nest

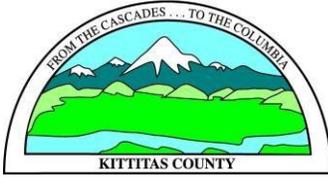
Dear Chace Pedersen,
Kittitas County Public Health has received SEPA Application SE-23-00032 Crow's Nest. Public Health has no comment regarding the SEPA application. Please pass along to contact our department if any water or septic questions arise.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any additional questions or concerns.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Schumaier". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small arrow pointing to the top of the letter 'i'.

Melissa Schumaier B.S. R.S.
Environmental Health Specialist II



KITTITAS COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Staff
FROM: Public Works Plan Review Team
DATE: January 19th, 2024
SUBJECT: SE-23-00032 Crow's Nest

ACCESS	No comments. (JS)
ENGINEERING	Except as exempted in Section KCC 14.05.060, no grading or filling upon a site involving more than one hundred (100) cubic yards shall be performed without a grading permit from the County Engineer or Public Works designee (KCC 14.05.050). An application for grading in excess of five hundred (500) cubic yards shall be accompanied by an engineered grading plan (KCC 14.05.080). (CC)
SURVEY	There are no survey comments regarding this application (JT).
TRANSPORTATION CONCURRENCY	1. Traffic Concurrency is required for all land use actions. A transportation impact analysis (TIA) shall be required for all development that will generate more than nine (9) peak hour vehicle trips. Please provide estimated traffic generation to determine if a TIA will be required by submitting a traffic scoping letter to Public Works. (KCC 12.10.040(c)) (KAH)
FLOOD	Parcel # 19401 is not located in a FEMA identified special flood hazard area (100-year flood plain). A floodplain development permit is not required for the proposed project. (SC)
WATER MITIGATION/ METERING	No comments. (SC)