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Gwen is out until next week, I believe. From Ecology's point of view, the easiest way to deal with the wetland issue is to verify that the site wetland(s) are not within the boundaries of the proposed development or within required buffer areas. I did not find a wetland delineation report when I went to the County website. Do you have pictures of the site? I assume that the site has been somewhat altered already by grazing or growing crops of some sort, so I would be happy to make a site visit, dig into the dirt and determine whether the proposal area is located within a wetland. Even if a portion of the site contains a wetland area, the parcel is so large that some sort of wetland mitigation would probably be relatively easy to accomplish nearby. I am available tomorrow (Friday the 4th) in the afternoon, next week on Monday afternoon(7th), 10th, 14th, for a site visit and other times this month.

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Hi Gwen,

I received your comments on the CU-13-00008 Helena Substation. I will discuss this with the Planning Official to get some guidance as to how to proceed. I did just want to clarify a couple of things. While the SEPA checklist I sent out on 4/4/2013 (below & attached) did not identify the wetland under Section 3 Water, it did call it out under Section 8 "h" to which I noted that the construction site was outside the wetland area. There was also a critical areas map and critical areas checklist included in the "Master File" which clearly indicated the existence of the wetland, the file also included a US Fish & Wildlife description of a PEMC Wetland. I was hoping to get this in front of the Hearings Examiner on the 24th of April... hopefully we can get this cleared up by then. Let me know what you think.

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Kittitas County has issued a threshold determination and MDNS for the above referenced SEPA application; see the attached Master File for details. Agencies within the county network may review the application master file via the above link or through EDEN. Agencies outside of the county network can use the attachment or view better resolution documentation by following this link: <http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/cds/landuse.asp> ("Miscellaneous SEPA Applications") and opening the designated file by application number. This file will be updated as the application progresses. Comments within the body of an email are encouraged, but may be submitted as attachments to:

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