

## KITTTITAS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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Kittitas County Enforcement and Investigation  
Kittitas County Environmental Health  
Kittitas County Public Works  
Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners  
Yakama Nation  
Yakama Nation – Department of Natural Resources  
James E. Brooks Library  
Adjacent Property Owners  
Interested Parties

**FROM:** Mackenzie Moynihan, Staff Planner

**DATE:** August 27, 2007

**SUBJECT:** **NOTICE OF APPLICATION and NOTICE OF ADOPTION (No. SSDP-07-03)**

US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management: Application for improvement of the natural sand and gravel boat access to a hardened surface at the Big Pines Recreation Area, Yakima River Canyon, Kittitas County, Washington.

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Enclosed please find a Notice of Application, JARPA form, Notice of Adoption of the NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA #OR134-06-EA-01) issued by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the SEPA lead agency for the referenced project permit application and adopted by reference (SSDP-07-03). Copies of the submitted application, EA report, and other related materials are available for review at the Kittitas County Community Development Services Office, 411 N. Ruby St. Suite 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926, (509)962-7506.

The United States Bureau of Land Management has determined that the planned actions do not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed NEPA Environmental Assessment report and other information on file with the lead agency. Information is available from the lead agency to the public on request. After independent review, Kittitas County Community Development Services hereby identifies and adopts the referenced Environmental Assessment as being appropriate for this proposal.

Written comments for the proposed project may be submitted to the Kittitas County Community Development Services Office no later than September 14, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

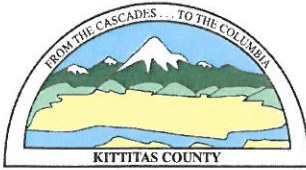
A public hearing is tentatively scheduled to go before the Kittitas County Board of Adjustment on October 10, 2007 @ 7:00pm, Commissioner's Auditorium, County Courthouse, Ellensburg, WA 98926. Interested parties are encouraged to verify the hearing schedule prior to attending by contacting CDS at (509)962-7506.

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### ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

#### Adoption of NEPA Environmental Assessment

**Description of current proposal:** *Improvement of the natural sand and gravel boat access to a hardened surface at the Big Pines Recreation Area, Yakima River Canyon.*

The United States Department of the Interior (USDI), Bureau of Land Management, proposes to improve the existing 50-foot wide natural sand and gravel non-motorized boat access, at Big Pines Recreation Area, to a hardened surface. The new boat access will be approximately 30 feet wide and 70 feet long. Approximately 20 feet of the improved boat access will be below the ordinary high water line. The boat access will be constructed on top of existing ground surface. Some excavation will be required above the ordinary high water (OHW) line, to remove approximately 45 cubic yards of sand and gravel. This material will be removed to create a level grade for the boat access. Removed material will be used elsewhere in the site. A cellular confinement material (geogrid type) will be used to cover the boat access surface. The geogrid cells will be filled with no less than 6 inches of  $\frac{3}{4}$ " inch minus top course gravel.

Approximately 41 cubic yards of gravel fill will be required for this boat access improvement. Approximately 13 cubic yards of the total fill will be below the OHW line. Construction of the boat access will require work within the OHW line. A backhoe will be used for all boat access construction and a silt curtain will be used to limit disturbance.

**Proponent:** The USDI, Bureau of Land Management, Wenatchee Field Office

**Location of current proposal:** Located at Highway Mile 9.5 along Highway 821 in the Yakima River Canyon, Kittitas County. A portion of Section 16, T. 15N, R. 19E, W.M. in Kittitas County. Map number 15-19-16000-0001.

**Title of document being adopted:** NEPA Environmental Assessment #OR134-06-EA-01

**Agency that prepared document being adopted:** USDI, Bureau of Land Management

**Date adopted document was prepared:** June 9, 2006

**Description of document (or portion) being adopted:** See attached Environmental Assessment

**The document is available to be read at:** Kittitas County Community Development Services Office, 411 North Ruby Street, Ellensburg, WA 98926 or Bureau of Land Management, Wenatchee Field Office, 915 Walla Walla, Wenatchee, WA 98801

We have identified and adopted this document as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The document meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

**Name of agency adopting document:** Kittitas County Community Development Services

**Responsible Official:** Mackenzie Moynihan

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