

Notice of Determination of Non-Significance
Kittitas County Critical Area Ordinance Update

Kittitas County proposes a substantial update to its Critical Areas Ordinance (KCC Title 17A). The proposed update will bring the existing regulations, dating to 1994, into compliance with current Washington State regulations and Best Available Science. Critical area regulations are development regulations that designate critical areas and protect the functions and values of those critical areas. Critical area regulations also protect public health and safety, as required by the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A.060). Kittitas County's critical areas include critical aquifer recharge areas, Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas, frequently flooded areas, geologically hazardous areas, and wetlands.

After a review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency, the County has determined that the proposed Critical Areas Ordinance update will not have any significant adverse environmental impacts and has issued a Determination of Non-Significance. This information is available to the public on request or can be reviewed at the Kittitas County Community Development Critical Areas Ordinance website at <https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/cds/cao/default.aspx>.

Written comments from the public regarding the threshold determination may be submitted to the Kittitas County Community Development Services no later than October 8, 2021, at 5:00pm, after which the lead agency will then: retain, modify, or withdraw the decision pursuant to 43.21C RCW (State Environmental Policy Act) and WAC 197-11-340(2). This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of this proposal pursuant to SEPA.

A copy of this threshold determination will be available to the public upon request. Amendments being proposed may be viewed on the Kittitas County website and at Community Development Services, 411 N. Ruby Street in Ellensburg.

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