



## KITITITAS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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### MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

**File:** ACU-23-00003 Atlas

**Description:** Atlas Tower 1 LLC and Victor Strand (landowner) are proposing the placement of a telecommunication tower and associated facilities.

**Proponent:** Atlas Tower 1 LLC (authorized agent), Victor Strand (landowner)

**Location:** One (1) parcel #818833, 4140 Manastash Rd, Ellensburg WA 98926, Section 18, T17, R18, WM in Kittitas County, bearing Assessor's map number 17-18-18010-0001.

**Lead Agency:** Kittitas County Community Development Services

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it will 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) and WAC 197-11. This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist, and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request or can be viewed at the Kittitas County Community Development Services website at: <http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/cds/land-use/default.aspx> under "Conditional Use Permits" using the file number "ACU-23-00003 Atlas".

The lead agency has determined that certain mitigation measures are necessary in order to issue a Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS) for this proposal. Failure to comply with mitigation measures identified hereafter will result in the issuance of a Determination of Significance (DS) for this project. The mitigation measures include the following:

- 1) The proposed telecommunications tower and associated infrastructure must comply with all pertinent Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations.
- 2) The proposed telecommunications tower and associated infrastructure must comply with all pertinent Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations.
- 3) The communications tower shall be designed to blend with existing surroundings through the use of compatible colors and materials.
- 4) All structures must comply with Kittitas County Code Title 14.
- 5) Applicant shall send the completed archaeological survey report to the Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation for review. The report shall meet DAHP's standards for cultural resource reporting.
- 6) Should ground disturbing or other activities related to the proposed project result in the inadvertent discovery of cultural resources or archaeological materials, work shall be stopped in the immediate area and contact be made with the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. Work shall remain suspended until the findings are assessed, and appropriate consultation is conducted. Should human remains be inadvertently discovered, as dictated by Washington State RCW 27.44.055, work shall be

immediately halted in the area and contact made with the coroner and local law enforcement in the most expeditious manner possible.

This MDNS is issued under WAC 197-11-355; the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 10 working days. Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge this administrative SEPA action on the grounds of noncompliance with the provisions of Chapter 43.21 RCW, shall be commenced on or before **November 9, 2023, at 5:00 pm.**

For questions contact Staff Planner: Chace Pedersen, 509-962-7637, [chace.pedersen@co.kittitas.wa.us](mailto:chace.pedersen@co.kittitas.wa.us)

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**Date:** October 26, 2023

**Pursuant to Chapter 15A.07 KCC, this MDNS may be appealed by submitting specific factual objections in writing with a fee of \$1670.00 to the Kittitas County Community Development Services, 411 N Ruby St, Suite 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926. Timely appeals must be received no later than 5:00pm November 9, 2023. Aggrieved parties are encouraged to contact CDS at (509) 962-7506 for more information on the appeal process.**