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Jeremiah Cromie Kittitas County Community Development Services 411 N. Ruby St. Suite 2 Ellensburg WA 98926

RE: LPF-22-00007 Forest Ridge Ph 5

Dear Mx. Cromie:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed development located northeast of the City of Cle Elum off of the extension of Columbia Street in Section 24, T.20N, R.15E, W.M.; Kittitas County tax parcel numbers 962331, 962335, 962337, 962152 & 962043.

Based on a cursory review of aerial imagery, it appears that the parcels are primarily forested land. If merchantable timber is removed/harvested as part of the proposal or if converting to non-forestry use, a Forest Practices Application (FPA) may be required (RCW 76.09 and WAC 222). The FPA would need to meet the requirements of the Forest Practices Act and its rules. If the applicant would like to meet on-site with our local forest practices forester, you may call our Southeast Region office at (509) 925-8510.

For questions, please contact our Region Forest Practices office at the number above.

Sincerely,

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