

MEMO

Date: May 5, 2022

To: Rachael Stevie, Kittitas County Community Development Services

From: John Barker

Re: LP 22-000002 Responses to Preliminary Plat comments

1. WA State DNR SE Region, Shane Early, FPC

I acknowledge the habitat (existing and potential) of the 23 acre open space/habitat portion of the proposed project, and this area is intended to be preserved and enhanced for it's habitat values.

There is no further development of the forested area of this historic farm, except to provide timber, recreation and habitat use. Thousands of trees have been planted to enhance the habitat since I purchased it 25 years ago. Also, the only parcel that will be over 2 acres in size will be managed by the owner of the historic farmstead and it will not be further developed. All building lots for sale are less than one acre in size. The only new homes will be built in areas that are grass and forbs, and are not currently forested.

2. WA State DOH, Office of Drinking Water, Russell E Mau

Comment acknowledged

3. WA State DOE, Gwen Clear, ERC

Comments acknowledged (NPDES required)

4. Laura Bainter/ Ben Gourouch

Comments acknowledged

5. WA State DAHP, Sydney Hanson

Comments acknowledged

The proposed project is near only one intermittent type 9 stream, which over the past 25 years flows for only 30-60 days per year in the spring. This stream has had a driveway over it for at least 75 years, and we are proposing that the access road cross in the same location. The existing driveway will be widened from 14' to 22' feet. The current length of the culvert is 23-ft. My engineer suggests we would want to extend the culvert to accomodate the road widening, and we'd like to meet DFW staff onsite and share what we propose, without doing an HPA. We anticipate the culvert crossing the type 9 stream will be widened from 23' to 26'. No other streams are in the vicinity of the proposal.

All of the existing Mohar Homestead historic barn and farmhouse and outbuildings will be untouched by the proposal, (these are at least 100 years old). The landowner has preserved and restored the historic structures for the past 25 years, and intends to keep these buildings intact.

6. Kittitas County Dept. of Public Works 509-962-7523

comments acknowledged Grading, Water availability, Metering, Grading Permit, etc.

7. WA State DFW, Jennifer Nelson jennifer.nelson@dfw.wa.gov

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We'd like to request a site visit to assess type 9 stream crossing improvements.

8. KC Dept of Health, Holly Erdman 509-962-7515

comments acknowledged, well location and soil logs need review

9. Jeanne Rudolph, neighbor

comments acknowledged

10. WA State Dept of Ecology, Alicia Schulz, alicia.schulz@ecy.wa.gov

comments acknowledged, Critical Area Study needed?

11. Colville Tribes, Aren Orsen

comments acknowledged