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Kelly Bacon Kittitas County Community Development Services 411 N. Ruby St. Suite 2 Ellensburg WA 98926

RE: Suncadia Phase 2 Division 8 Preliminary Plat (LP-22-00005)

Dear Mx. Bacon:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed development of parcel(s) # 770236, 11894, 16198, 770236, 11839, 11840, 11841, 11842, 16210, 962679, 962676, Assessor's Map numbers 20-14-11000-0004, -0006, -0014, and -0015, 20-14-14000-0005, - 0006, -0007, -0008, and -0013, 20-14-13052-0213 and -0216 south of Swiftwater Drive in Cle Elum, WA.

As noted in the Kittitas County Application for Long Plat Materials, the proposal is for the development of 72 residential lots, associated roadway, clubhouse and pool amenity, open space and service tracts on approximately 290.3 acres.

Based on a cursory review of aerial imagery, it appears that the parcels are primarily forested land. It is also noted in the SEPA Checklist that "Forest Practices Permits" will be required. 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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