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Bradley Gasawaski
Kittitas County Community Development Services
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RE: SP-23-00009

Dear Bradley Gasawaski:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Application for the Bowers Road Short Plat. We have reviewed the application and have the following comments.

Shorelands and Environmental Assistance

The application package presented a Wetland Inventory Report dated December 10, 2006. Aerial photos indicate wetlands likely remain. Kittitas County Code 17A.01.080 requires critical area reports less than 5 years old. Prior to ground disturbing activities a new wetland determination, delineation, and rating must be completed by a qualified professional. Kittitas County Code 17A.01.080 lists the following minimum report contents:

- 1. Minimum Report Contents.** At a minimum, the report shall contain the following:
 1. The name and contact information of the applicant and a description of the proposal;
 2. The site plan for the proposed development, including a map drawn to scale depicting critical areas, buffers and/or setbacks, the proposed development, and any areas to be cleared or altered;
 3. The names and qualifications of the persons preparing the report;
 4. Documentation of any fieldwork performed on the site;
 5. Documentation that consultation, when deemed appropriate, was initiated with agencies of expertise;
 6. Field identification and characterization of all critical areas and buffers on and adjacent to the proposed development;
 7. A statement specifying the accuracy of the report, and all assumptions made and relied upon;

8. A discussion of the performance standards applicable to the critical area and proposed development;
9. A mitigation plan in accordance with KCC 17A.01.100 if mitigation is required; and
10. Any additional report information required for the critical area as specified in KCC 17A.01.80 through KCC 17A.01.100.

Wetland Delineations must be conducted according to the 1987 Army Corps Wetlands Delineation Manual and the Arid West Regional Supplement. Each wetland should be rated using the Washington State Wetland Rating Guidance for Eastern Washington 2014 Version. Please reach out to Ryan Anderson at 509-379- 1917 or rand461@ecy.wa.gov with any questions.

Water Resources

New Uses in Upper Kittitas County

Your project is located within the boundaries of WAC 173-539A so it may be subject to the rule. If you planning on withdrawing groundwater for a new use within the boundaries of WAC 173-539A, your project must be water budget neutral. Before withdrawing or using any water please submit a *Request of Determination of Water Budget Neutrality* or an *Application for a New Water Right Permit*, depending on the size of your project either form may be required.

If you have any questions, please contact the Water Resources Customer Service line at 509-575-2597.

Sincerely,



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