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Zach Torrance-Smith  
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RE: SE-23-00027 VP Clearing

Dear Mx. Torrance-Smith:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed development of parcel 047035 and parcel# 057035, in Section 34, Township 21N, Range 14E, W.M. in Kittitas County.

Based on remote review of this parcel(s) and information provided in the SEPA Checklist, it appears that portions are forested, and it will require a Forest Practices Application (FPA) from the DNR if merchantable timber is removed/harvested as part of the proposal and/or is being converted out of forest land (RCW 76.09 and WAC 222). The FPA would need to meet the requirements of the Forest Practices Act and its rules. It is our recommendation that the applicant meet with our local forest practices forester to discuss, they may call our Southeast Region office at (509) 925-8510 to schedule an appointment.

If there are questions regarding our comments, please contact our Region Forest Practices office at the number above.

Sincerely,

*Luke Warthen*

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