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**Subject:** RE: SE-24-00001 Jansen SEPA Checklist

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Hi Bradley,

I tried to call you a couple times today to connect but it was a busy day here and I assume there as well. I hope this email provides you what you hoped it would. I'm off starting tomorrow and all next week, so if you have follow up questions, my pals Scott and Elizabeth are copied here and can provide clarity if needed.

First off, thanks for the opportunity to collaborate early! The applicants and their critical areas consultant did invite us to the property last November, so Scott and I are somewhat familiar with the area.

In their SEPA (and CA report), there's little mention of critical areas other than streams and wetlands. Much of the property is shrubsteppe—an important priority habitat in our PHS program. We also have a Biodiversity Area and Corridor (BAC) called out for this area as well as deer and elk winter range and some aspen stands—all within PHS and should be noted as FWHCAs as well as the streams and riparian habitats. While onsite, we observed a golden eagle and habitat for Sagebrush Sparrows (both are PHS and State Candidate species). I very quickly pulled up a PHS report from our publicly facing website and these things are all listed there (see below). The applicant should address the species and habitats easily available that way in addition to other likely PHS species such as Columbia Spotted Frog, sharp-tailed snake, Loggerhead Shrike and Sage Thrasher—all are within the FWHCA critical area designation.

We anticipate impacts to these FWHCAs and there is really no mention of how they will avoid, minimize, or mitigate these impacts with their proposed project and subsequent development. We believe a habitat mitigation plan is necessary for the project and we'd like the opportunity to work with the proponents and County to help ensure we're adequately protecting and/or mitigating these important critical areas.

From a purely WDFW angle, at least a couple of these roads will require HPAs which we didn't see explicitly spelled out, but perhaps is implied.

I hope we've provided you with the information you were hoping for. We appreciate the opportunity to collaborate.

Thanks again,  
Jen

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## Priority Habitats and Species on the Web



**Report Date: 03/14/2024**

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PHS Species/Habitats Overview:

Occurrence Name	Federal Status	State Status	S
Sagebrush Sparrow	undefined	Candidate	No
Elk	N/A	N/A	No
Freshwater Emergent Wetland	N/A	N/A	No
Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland	N/A	N/A	No
Riverine	N/A	N/A	No
Shrubsteppe	N/A	N/A	No
Biodiversity Areas And Corridor	N/A	N/A	No
Golden eagle	N/A	Candidate	Yes
Gray wolf	Endangered	Endangered	Yes

PHS Species/Habitats Details:

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External Email

Hi Jen,

It was great to connect with you today. Again, please accept my sincerest apologies for coughing in your ear.

I appreciate you taking a look at this SEPA checklist as a SEPA consultant for this process. I am looking for any advice or suggestions you may have on the answers of the checklist. As an expert in your field, I value your opinion & perspective. We are leaning towards a mitigated determination of significance. We are considering addressing storm water runoff, dust control and an Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP) as part of the mitigation.

I've attached the

- SEPA checklist
- Drainage Report
- Lot Line Closures

Thank you again for being willing to review the checklist and accompanying report. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

Best,  
Bradley

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