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May 20, 2011



Jeff Watson
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Re: SG-11-00002

Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the notice of application for the subdivision of parcel into 2 parcels, proposed by Dorothy Crosetto. We have reviewed the application and have the following comment.

Water Resources

Chapter 173-150 WAC and RCW 90.44.030 provide for the protection of existing rights against impairment, i.e. interruption or interference in the availability of water, or contamination caused by withdrawal of ground water by a junior water right holder, including permit-exempt groundwater users.

This project is located within upper Kittitas County. Any new uses of groundwater in upper Kittitas County will need to be either a permitted use authorized by the Department of Ecology (Ecology) or water budget neutral as determined by Ecology. Unless a building permit was granted and vested prior to July 16, 2006, a prospective water user shall first submit to Ecology a request for determination that the proposed use would be water budget neutral. Please refer to WAC 173-539A, the Upper Kittitas Emergency Ground Water Rule for additional information.



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If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Water Resources comments, please contact Breean Zimmerman at (509) 454-7647.

Sincerely,



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