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May 8, 2018

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Re: LP-18-00001

Dear Ms. Ozbolt:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the notice of application for the 10-lot subdivision with an access tract and a future development tract on approximately 7.17 acres, proposed by New Suncadia, LLC. We have reviewed the application and have the following comment.

WATER QUALITY

The Cle Elum River is included in the Upper Yakima River Basin Suspended Sediment, Turbidity, and Organochlorine Pesticide Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) water quality improvement program. One side of each of the proposed development sites appears to terminate in a very steep slope. Erosion of these slopes has the potential to add sediment and turbidity to the Cle Elum River, a protected water body. Care must be taken, both during and after development of these sites, to prevent the entry of sediment and turbidity to the Cle Elum River. Project planning, development, and use of the site needs to include water quality protection.

Please contact **Jane Creech** at the Washington State Dept. of Ecology at (509) 454-7860, or email at jton461@ecy.wa.gov, if you have questions about this TMDL program.

Project with Potential to Discharge Off-Site

The NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit from the Washington State Department of Ecology is required if there is a potential for stormwater discharge from a construction site with disturbed ground. This permit requires that the SEPA checklist fully disclose anticipated activities including building, road construction and utility placements. Obtaining a permit is a minimum of a 38 day process and may take up to 60 days if the original SEPA does not disclose all proposed activities.

The permit requires that Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (Erosion Sediment Control Plan) is prepared and implemented for all permitted construction sites. These control measures must be



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able to prevent soil from being carried into surface water (this includes storm drains) by stormwater runoff. Permit coverage and erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading or construction.

More information on the stormwater program may be found on Ecology's stormwater website at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/>. Please submit an application or contact **Lloyd Stevens, Jr.** at the Dept. of Ecology, (509) 574-3991, with questions about this permit.

Sincerely,



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