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Good morning all,

Can someone please tell me where the County is in the process of the Critical Areas Ordinance? My wetlands guy is scrambling to get in a report covering my ground before the new Ordinance is adopted.

Thank you in advance for your response.

Best regards,

Andy Schmidt

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**Subject:** Wetland Exemption for the New Map

To whom it may concern:

I would like to go on the public record as being opposed to the adoption of National Wetlands Inventory Map as being the new base map for the County Critical Areas Ordinance. I can speak from experience as being a former Washington Department Fish and Wildlife Lands Agent and a lifelong Farmer with a Degree in Land Management. This map might be the easy one to adopt as suggested by the Consultant on this project. But to be frank this map is a joke. I overlooks areas I know that are truly by definition wetland in nature and identifies land such as mine as Wetland. Please see the attached existing Wetland map the County has compared to the Proposed map. My owned/ deeded property is marked in this area inside the heavy black line. In addition I also lease a large area of the proposed new mapped wetland with contiguous to the east side and north side of my property, I have been on this land for over 50 years it not wetland. In fact in not for irrigation it would revert back to sagebrush. This most of this land is so marginal that it didn't even qualify for a full allotment

of KRD water when the project came in.

If the County chooses to adopt this map as the New Map I would also like to go on the Public Record an asking for my owned land being Exempt from the new map. I have hired a wetlands consultant who is currently mapping all of my acres. We are confident they are not wetland. I request this Exemption be placed on file with KCDDS. I want no part of having to update a wetland study every five years. I also don't want to have to get a permit to remove a tree or do other work on my farm.

Respectively submitted,

Andrew J. Schmidt, for Schmidt Ranches LLC and Flying A Land LLC Emailed 4:56 PM Oct 8, 2021