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September 3, 2008

Scott Turnbull
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Dear Mr. Turnbull:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the optional determination of nonsignificance process for the Bensch Rezone of approximately 7.62 acres, proposed by Stanley and Kay Bensch [Z 08-05, SP 07-168]. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

Water Resources

The water purveyor is responsible for ensuring that the proposed use(s) are within the limitations of its water rights. If the proposal's actions are different than the existing water right (source, purpose, the place of use, or period of use), then it is subject to approval from the Department of Ecology pursuant to Sections 90.03.380 RCW and 90.44.100 RCW.

If you have any questions concerning the Water Resources comments, please contact Candis Graff at (509) 454-4264.

Water Quality

Rezoning of a piece of property is often the first step in a proposed development. If a subsequent individual or common plan of development ground disturbance exceeds 1 ac. in size an NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit may be required. The process requires going through SEPA, developing a stormwater pollution prevention plan, submitting an application and a 30 day public notice process. This may take 45-60 days. A permit and stormwater plan is required prior to beginning ground-breaking activities. Please contact Lynda Jamison with the Department of Ecology, (509) 575-2434, with questions about this permit.



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Sincerely,



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