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Jeff Watson
Kittitas County Community Development
411 N. Ruby St., Suite 2
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Re: SP-07-00007

Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the short subdivision of approximately 10.45 acres into 3 lots, proposed by Mark and Darcy Wenger. We have reviewed the application and have the following comments.

SHORELANDS/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE

Ecology GIS aerial photo interpretation show areas on this parcel where wetlands may exist. A potential wetland area is within the currently proposed lot 1. Area water well reports show that static groundwater table levels are very close to the surface in the general area. An experienced wetland delineator should review the parcel for the presence of wetlands and complete wetland delineation and rating reports, if needed, before the lot configuration is approved. The parcel should be reviewed for the presence of wetlands to assure that all lots proposed have buildable areas and access to them that do not intrude on wetland buffers. Wetlands are particularly important for stormwater and flood retention along the Big Creek drainage, as floods have repeated occurred along this waterway.

Ecology would be happy to assist the County with a wetland reconnaissance to determine whether a wetland delineation and rating needs to be completed for the parcel. Please contact Catherine Reed at (509) 575-2616 for assistance.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Shorelands/Environmental Assistance comments, contact **Catherine Reed** at (509) 575-2616.

Sincerely,

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