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"Building Partnerships – Building Communities"

SEPA MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Project: Durkan Short Plat (SP-08-00032)

Description: A 4-lot Short Plat on approximately 12.06 acres of land zoned Rural-3.

Proponent: Bear Creek, LLC
22403 Sweeney Road SE
Maple Valley, WA 98038

Martin Durkan, Authorized Agent
330 SW 43rd Street, Suite K
Renton, WA 98055

Location: The subject property is located northwest of Ronald, north of Redwood Lane on Salmon La Sac Road, Ronald, WA 98940, and is located in a portion of Section 27, T21N, R14E, WM, in Kittitas County. Assessor's map number 21-14-27051-0004.

Lead Agency: Kittitas County Community Development Services

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request. The lead agency for this proposal has also determined that certain mitigation measures are necessary in order to issue a Determination of Non-Significance for this proposal. Failure to comply with the mitigation measures identified hereafter will result in the issuance of a Determination of Significance (DS) for this project. These mitigation measures include the following:

I. Transportation

- A. The applicant shall be responsible for meeting all conditions and requirements in place at the time of development set forth by the Department of Public Works. See attached memorandum.
- B. Addresses posted for all new residences shall be clearly visible from both directions at the County road.
- C. The applicant shall provide a safe location and passageway for a school bus stop. The local school district shall be consulted regarding the location.
- D. Mail routes and/or boxes shall be approved by the local postmaster. Mailbox locations shall not create sight obstructions.

II. Water

- A. Withdrawals of groundwater on the subject property are subject to the rules and regulations adopted and administered by the Washington State Department of Ecology; this includes the use of water for irrigation. Legally obtained water must be used on-site.
- B. The Durkan Short Plat (SP-08-00032) shall be considered as one project and therefore shall be limited to one groundwater withdrawal exemption for all 4 lots combined. Each lot shall not exceed 1250 gallons per day and the cumulative groundwater withdrawal of all 4 lots combined shall not exceed the 5,000 gallon per day exemption limit set for the by the Department of Ecology and no more than ½ acre of lawn and garden shall be irrigated from this groundwater withdrawal.
- C. To comply with the 5,000 gallon per day limit, metering shall be required on all wells. An approved measuring device shall be installed and maintained for the source(s) in accordance with the rule "Requirements for Measuring and Reporting Water Use", WAC Chapter 173-173 and as prescribed by Kittitas County.

- D. Water use data from the source(s) shall be recorded at a prescribed interval and submitted to the Department of Ecology.
- E. Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-150 provides for the protection of existing rights against impairment, i.e. interruption or interference in the availability of water. If the water supply in your area becomes limited your use could be curtailed by those with senior water rights.
- F. Bear Creek, a Type 3 water, is located within the subject property. Per KCC 17A (Critical Areas), a 30 foot structural setback buffer shall be maintained from the ordinary high watermark (OHWM).

III. Cultural Archaeology

- A. Prior to any ground disturbing activities on the subject property, the applicant consult with the Yakama Nation on a professional archaeological survey to protect any and all archaeological resources. Proof of consultation shall be submitted to Community Development Services prior to final approval.
- B. If, during consultation with the Yakama Nation, it is determined that an archaeological survey is required, a copy of the completed survey shall be submitted to Community Development Services prior to final approval.

IV. Light and Aesthetics

- A. All outdoor lighting shall be shielded and directed downward to minimize the effect to nearby residential properties.

V. Noise

- A. Construction activities shall comply with KCC 9.45 (Noise). Development and construction practices for this project shall only occur between the hours of 7:00 am to 7:00 pm to minimize the effect of construction noise.

This MDNS is issued under WAC 197-11-350. The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 15 days. Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge this administrative SEPA action's procedural compliance with the provisions of Chapter 197-11 WAC shall be commenced within 10 working days (on or before 5:00 pm, Wednesday, November 12, 2008).

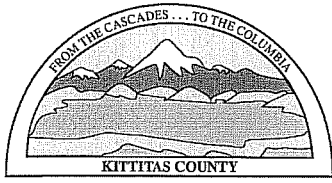
Responsible Official: 
Trudie Pettit

Title: Staff Planner

Address: Kittitas County Community Development Services
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Date: October 28, 2008

Pursuant to Chapter 15A.07 KCC, this MDNS may be appealed by submitting specific factual objections in writing with a fee of \$500.00 to the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners, Kittitas County Courthouse Room 110, Ellensburg, WA 98926. Timely appeals must be received no later than 5:00 PM, November 12, 2008. Aggrieved parties are encouraged to contact the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners at (509) 962-7508 for more information regarding the appeal process.



KITTITAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Trudie Pettit, Community Development Services
FROM: Christina Wollman, Planner II *CW*
DATE: September 11, 2008
SUBJECT: Durkan Short Plat

Our department has reviewed the short plat application and has the following comments:

- “Conditional Preliminary Approval”** is recommended based on the information provided. See below for conditions of preliminary approval.
- “Additional Information Requested”. Prior to continuing the approval process for the submitted development, additional information is requested for analysis.

The following shall be conditions of preliminary approval:

1. Access: No access shall be allowed from Salmon La Sac Road. All access shall be from the 40' access easement.
2. Road Name: The county road shall be shown as “Salmon La Sac Road” rather than “Hwy.”
3. Private Road Name and Addresses: Prior to any addresses being assigned, the private road will need to be named and all existing addresses updated.
4. Private Road Certification: Private roads serving any of the lots within this development shall be inspected and certified by a licensed professional engineer for conformance with current Kittitas County Road Standards, 9/6/05 edition. Kittitas County Public Works shall require this road certification to be completed prior to the issuance of a building permit for any of the structures within the proposed plat.
5. Private Road Improvements: Access from Salmon La Sac Road to the cul-de-sac shall be constructed to meet or exceed the requirements of a High-Density Private Road that serves 3-14 tax parcels. See Kittitas County Road Standards, 9/6/05 edition.
 - a. Access easements shall be a minimum of 40' wide. The roadway shall have a minimum width of 20', with 1' shoulders, for a total width of 22'.
 - b. Minimum centerline radius will be 60'.

- c. Surface requirement is for a minimum gravel surface depth of 6”.
 - d. Maximum grade 8% flat, 12% rolling or mountainous.
 - e. Stopping site distance, reference AASHTO.
 - f. Entering site distance, reference AASHTO.
 - g. Maintenance of driveway approaches shall be the responsibility of the owner whose property they serve. The County will not maintain accesses.
 - h. Any further subdivision or lots to be served by proposed access may result in further access requirements.
 - i. All roads located within this development or roads that provide access to this development shall be constructed to current county road standards unless any other maintenance agreements, forest service road easements or state easements require higher road standards. The higher of the road standards shall apply.
 - j. All easements shall provide for AASHTO radius at the intersection with a county road.
 - k. A paved apron shall be constructed at the intersection of the proposed private intersection and the county road.
6. Cul-de-Sac: A cul-de-sac turn-around having an outside right-of-way easement diameter of at least 110 feet shall be constructed at the closed end of all dead-end roads serving 3 or more lots. The driving surface shall be at least 96 feet in diameter. Cul-de-sacs must also conform to the requirements specified by the 2006 International Fire Code. Contact the Fire Marshal regarding any additional cul-de-sac requirements.
 7. Private Road Maintenance Agreement: The applicant shall meet all applicable conditions of any pre-established or required Private Road Maintenance Agreements.
 8. Lot Closure: It is the responsibility of the Professional Licensed Surveyor (PLS) to ensure the lot closures are correct and accurate.
 9. Access Permit: An approved access permit shall be required from the Department of Public Works prior to creating any new driveway access or performing work within the county road right of way.
 10. Addressing: Contact the Kittitas County Rural Addressing Coordinator at (509) 962-7523 to obtain addresses prior to obtaining a building permit. A parcel cannot receive a building permit or utilities until such parcel is identified with a 911 address.
 11. Fire Protection: Contact the Kittitas County Fire Marshal regarding any additional access requirements for Emergency Response.
 12. Mailbox Placement: The U.S. Postal Service requires that private roads with 6 or more residences install USPS approved Cluster Box Units (CBUs) at a safe location at the mouth of the private road. Contact your local Post Office for location and additional design requirements before beginning construction.

Current Kittitas County Road Standards, as adopted 9/6/05.

Chapter 12 – PRIVATE ROADS

12.12.010 General

Private roads shall meet the following conditions:

1. Private roads shall meet the minimum access requirements of the International Fire Code as adopted by the County, and
2. Shall be designed and constructed in conformance with AASHTO Guidelines for Geometric Design of Very Low-Volume Local Roads (ADT < 400) 2001, as now exists or hereafter amended, and
3. Shall be inspected and certified by a licensed professional engineer for conformance with the above referenced standards. In the alternative, an applicant may request the private roadway to be inspected and subject to the approval of the Public Works Director. If certification by the public Works Director/County Engineer is desired, submission of road plans and necessary testing documentation that confirms compliance with Kittitas County Road Standards is required, and services will be performed on a reimbursable basis, and
4. Permanently established by an easement recorded with the Kittitas County Auditor or right-of-way, providing legal access to each affected lot, dwelling unit, or business, and
5. Will not result in land locking of existing or proposed parcels, and
6. Maintained by the developer or legally responsible owner or homeowners' association or other legal entity made up of all benefited property owners, under the provisions of an acceptable and recorded "Private Road Maintenance Agreement", and
7. Clearly described on the face of the plat, short plat, or other development authorization and clearly signed at street location as a private street or road, for the maintenance of which Kittitas County is not responsible and a disclosure statement of the same is filed with the County Auditor, and
8. The following note shall be placed on the face of the plat, short plat, or other development authorization:

"Kittitas County will not accept private roads for maintenance as public streets or roads until such streets or roads are brought into conformance with current County Road Standards. This requirement will include the hard surface paving of any street or road surfaced originally with gravel."

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

The Attorney General's opinion suggests that caution should be used in finding developments to be exempt from needing a water right permit if the possibility exists that the development of the project will result in the ultimate withdrawal of water in excess of 5,000 gallons per day or the irrigation of more than .5 acre of lawn and garden.

With the Supreme Court's guidance on the limitations of groundwater exemptions, all lots within this proposed subdivision would be covered by a single groundwater exemption provided this development is not part of a larger project.

To comply with the 5,000 gallon per day limit, Ecology recommends metering the wells for this development. Water use data should be recorded by the property owner of the well monthly. Department of Ecology personnel, upon presentation of proper credentials, shall have access at reasonable times, to the records of water use that are kept to meet the above conditions, and to inspect at reasonable times any measuring device used to meet the above conditions. For metering information, please contact Ken Schuster at (509) 454-4263.

To comply with irrigating up to 0.5 acre of lawn and garden, Ecology recommends requiring property covenants for each lot to limit the amount of the lawn and garden to be irrigated so it adds up to the maximum allowable acreage.

If you have any questions concerning the Water Resources comments, please contact Trevor Hutton at (509) 454-4240.

Sincerely,



Gwen Clear
Environmental Review Coordinator
Central Regional Office
(509) 575-2012



To Protect and Promote the Health and the Environment of the People of Kittitas County

September 29, 2008

Trudie Pettit
Community Development Services

Dear Ms. Pettit:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Durkan Short Plat (SP-08-00032). In order to meet the requirements set forth by Kittitas County Public Health's Environmental Health Division and Kittitas County Code Chapter 13, the following items must be submitted:

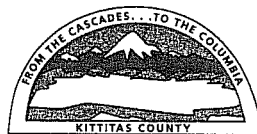
- Soil logs for each lot where installation of a septic system is intended;
- Well log for the existing well on the property or a hydro geological report indicating water is available if an existing well does not exist.
- *The following plat notes shall be included on the final mylar:*
 1. "The approval of this division of land includes no guarantee that there is a legal right to withdraw groundwater within the land division. The approval of this division of land provides no guarantee that use of water under the ground water exemption (RCW 90.44.050) for this plat or any portion thereof will not be subject to curtailment by the Department of Ecology or a court of law."
 2. "The Durkan Preliminary Plat No. SP-08-00032 currently has 5000 gallons of water per day for all domestic uses from the domestic well use exemption. According to WAC 173-539A each lot of the Durkan Plat is allowed no more than 1250 gallons per day per lot".

Note: if distribution of the available water between parcels is different than listed above, specify the quantity of water in gallons per day by parcel on the final mylar.

As of July 8, 2008 Kittitas County will implement the following interim management measures for all new residential developments in Kittitas County as per WAC 173-539A:

1. New residential developments served by exempt wells will be limited to one ground water exemption of 5,000 gallons per day. In no case shall a development, regardless

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of acreage, be allowed more than a single exemption. Development under a single exemption could involve use of multiple wells as long as the 5,000 gallons per day limit is not exceeded.

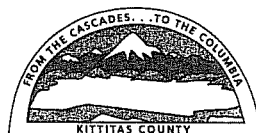
2. Kittitas County will require all new development county-wide to include water meters for each new individual residential connection. Kittitas County Public Health's Environmental Health Program will choose the meter brand and design to be used and installed by professionals to meet the required specifications.

I look forward to assisting you if you have further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Holly Myers".

Holly Myers
Environmental Health Director
Kittitas County Public Health
(509) 962-7584



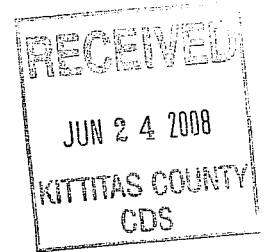


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To Protect and Promote the Health and the Environment of the People of Kittitas County

June 20, 2008

Bear Creek, LLC
c/o Marin Durkan
22403 Sweeney Rd SE
Maple Valley, WA 98038



RE: Durkan Short Plat submission fee received (\$380.00/receipt #1733)

Dear Mr. Durkan:

We have received the application for your proposed Plat (located in Section 27, Township 21N, Range 14E.W.M., off of Salmon La Sac Road).

Enclosed is a checklist and detailed instructions for completing the Environmental Health requirements.

Your plat application will not be approved until you meet the enclosed requirements.

Once we have received and reviewed the required information, we will notify Community Development Services that you have satisfactorily addressed health department requirements.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

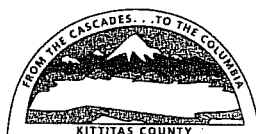
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Holly Myers, Environmental Health Director
Kittitas County Public Health Department

cc: Community Development Services

Enc: Checklist, Instructions for Completing EH Requirements, Soil Log Requirements

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Checklist

Prior to receiving approval of the above listed plat you must meet WAC 246-272-205(1) and WAC 246-272-095(1) by:

1. Proving there is an adequate supply of potable water

Choose and follow instructions for one of the five following options:

Group “A” public well

Provide written approval from Washington State Department of Health

Group “B” public well

Schedule a well site inspection or site inspection with Public Health as the first step toward approval of a group B system (the Group B system must be approved prior to plat approval)

Individual wells

Provide a well log or hydrogeological report to prove adequate ground water exists for the proposed number of potable water wells (see page 4). If a well log is used provide potable water test results.

Shared two-party well

Submit existing well log and a water user’s agreement signed by both parties

Public utility water supply

Submit a signed letter of agreement from a public utility official

AND

2. Proving satisfactory sewage disposal

Choose and follow instructions for one of the two following options:

On-site sewage

You must schedule a soil log and prepare the site (dig holes)

Public utility sewer

You must submit a signed letter of agreement from the public utility official

Instructions for Completing Environmental Health Requirements

I. ADEQUATE POTABLE WATER SUPPLY:

PUBLIC UTILITY WATER SUPPLY APPLICANTS

Submit a signed letter of agreement with the responsible public utility official and the developer/owner, granting delivery of potable water for the entire development.

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS

All Public Water System applicants must contact a Satellite Management Agency (SMA) before initiating the application process. Evergreen Valley Utilities (509) 674-9642 is currently the only SMA.

PUBLIC GROUP "A" WELL

If you have an existing well and a Department of Ecology issued "water right" for potable usage of the well, Washington State Department of Health (DOH) is the regulatory authority for approving Group A systems. We require written verification that DOH has approved the system prior to final plat approval (see contact information below). If you have not secured a water right for potable use you must contact the Washington State Department of Ecology (Central Region Office) located in Yakima, Washington to begin the process of obtaining a water right. Their contact number is: (509) 575-2800.

PUBLIC GROUP "B" WELLS

Washington State Department of Health and Kittitas County Public Health Department share the regulatory authority for approving Group B Water Systems in Kittitas County. The process for approval includes a source site inspection to approve the location of the proposed well or if the well exists to ensure that it meets the criteria for approval; drilling of the well and/or ensure that the well is located within the subdivision boundaries; completion of the well infrastructure, the workbook and all related documentation including testing and satisfactory results.

****All Group B applications with 3-9 connections** should be submitted to Kittitas County Public Health Department; all Group B applications **10-14 connections** should be submitted to Washington State Department of Health at the addresses provided below.

Kittitas County Public Health Department
Environmental Health Division
411 N. Ruby Street, Suite 3
Ellensburg, WA 98926
(509) 962-7698

Washington State Department of Health
1500 W. 4th, Suite 305
Spokane, WA 99204
(509) 456-2453
ATTN: Tom Justus, Regional Engineer

After all of the aforementioned information is submitted, reviewed, and approved by Washington State DOH, final issuance of the well ID number completes the requirement.

INDIVIDUAL WELLS

Submit well logs or a hydrogeological report with documentation/evidence to support the claim regarding adequate availability of groundwater for the proposed number of potable water wells. This report shall be submitted by a Professional Engineer who practices in the field of hydrology or by a licensed Hydrogeologist. According to Critical Areas Ordinance 17A.08.25, individual wells must be located 50 feet from all property lines. To obtain well logs, contact Department of Ecology at (509) 575-2490.

After July 1, 2008 (as per MOA signed on April 7, 2008 by Kittitas County and the Department of Ecology) all applicants for subdivision (short and long plats) utilizing wells shall have a note placed on the face of the final mylars that states:

"The approval of this division of land includes no guarantee that there is a legal right to withdraw groundwater within the land division. The approval of this division of land provides no guarantee that use of water under the ground water exemption (RCW 90.44.050) for this plat or any portion thereof will not be subject to curtailment by the Department of Ecology or a court of law. "

Prior to July 1, 2008 the required note read:

"Kittitas County relies on its record that a supply of potable water exists. The approval of this division of land includes no guarantee or assurance that there is a legal right to withdraw groundwater within the land division. "

II. SATISFACTORY SEWAGE DISPOSAL

PUBLIC UTILITY SEWER

Submit a signed letter of agreement between the responsible public utility official and the developer/owner or other documentation that provides proof of connection to public sewer.

ON SITE SEWAGE

Soil logs will need to be scheduled and dug at a mutually convenient time. The developer/owner shall provide soil logs as per WAC 246-272A or as amended (see attached soil log instruction sheet). The information obtained will be recorded and placed in the plat file for future reference. The information obtained from these soil logs is for plat approval purposes only and does not constitute a site evaluation in conjunction with the issuance of a permit for any specific lot.

SET BACK REQUIREMENTS

A well must be located 50 feet from a septic tank and 100 feet from a drain field.

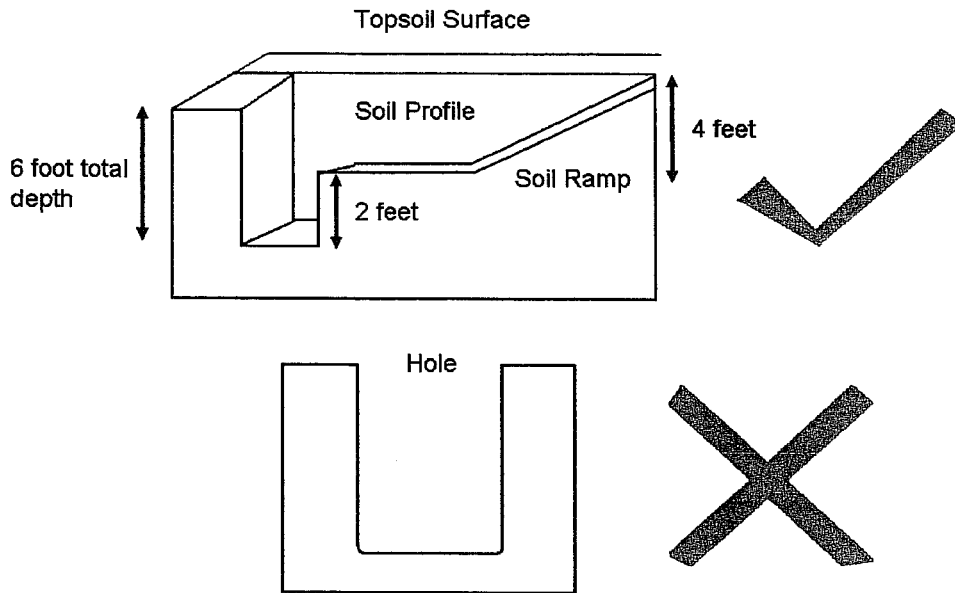
Soil Log Requirements for Land Division

Purpose: The purpose of a soil log is to ensure that future property owners can be assured that they will be able to install a septic system on the property. A soil log is performed to ensure that suitable depth and type of soil is present on the property prior to final plat approval.

Since the type of soil and water source supplying the property can ultimately determine the minimum lot size, it is recommended that soil logs be conducted early in the plat planning process.

Requirements: In order for a soil log to be conducted, test holes must meet specific criteria according to Washington Administrative Code (WAC), Kittitas County Code (KCC) and Labor and Industries safety standards.

- 1) A minimum of one soil log per lot shall be dug to a depth of six feet, unless an impermeable layer such as bedrock, hardpan clay, or the existing water table prevents such a depth from being obtained. In some instances, additional holes may be required to determine if the minimum standards for septic support are present on the lot.
- 2) The design of a test hole shall be sloped to four feet beneath surface, leveled and then dug down an additional two feet for a total depth of six feet (see the diagram below for reference). Such a test hole is designed to prevent possible injury as a result of the surrounding soil bank collapsing into the test hole and to grant the local health officer ease of access to the soil profile.
- 3) In order to sub-divide property at least twelve inches of native, suitable soil must be present at the time the soil log is preformed.
- 4) A soil log does not constitute a site-evaluation. A site evaluation determines the type of septic system required. A soil log only determines whether soils present on the property can support a septic system.



Minimum Land Area Requirements: According to the WAC 246-272 the minimum land area requirement from a public health perspective for subdivision of property is determined by the source of the drinking water and the soil type present to support an on-site sewage system (Table X). These guidelines have been put in place to protect human health and the environment from the potential health hazards that an on-site sewage system imposes. The type of water source available and soil type present must be determined by the local health officer. However, other minimum land area requirements may be subject to local government zoning regulations and restrictions, and it is advisable that property land owners seek advice from Community Development Services at (509) 962-7506 for assistance in this area.

TABLE X
Minimum Land Area Requirement
Single-Family Residence or Unit Volume of Sewage

Type of Water Supply	Soil Type (defined by WAC 246-272A-0220)					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Public	0.5 acre	12,500 sq. ft.	15,000 sq. ft.	18,000 sq. ft.	20,000 sq. ft.	22,000 sq. ft.
	2.5 acre ¹					
Individual, on each lot	1.0 acre	1 acre	1 acre	1 acre	2 acres	2 acres
	2.5 acres ¹					

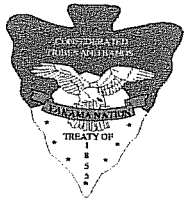
¹ See WAC 246-272A-0234(6).

Other Considerations: Since open holes present a potential danger to people, livestock, wild animals, and vehicles, it is advisable that such a hole be roped off or covered to prevent unwanted entry or marked to caution and facilitate finding. After the soil log has been performed the hole may be filled in by the property owner or contractor to eliminate the potential hazard.

Scheduling a soil log: Currently, soil logs are performed on a weekly basis by an Environmental Health Specialist. To schedule a soil log please contact the Environmental Health Office at 411 N. Ruby Street (509) 962-7506 to arrange an appointment.

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Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
Established by the Treaty of June 9, 1855

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Trudie Pettit
Kittitas County Community Development Services
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September 23, 2008

Subject: Notice of Application: Durkin Short Plat (SP-08-00032)

Dear Ms. Pettit,

Thank you for contacting the Yakama Nation Cultural Resource Program regarding the above noted Application for a Short Plat. This project falls within the ceded lands of the Yakama Nation, defined as the usual and accustomed areas and places utilized by the ancestors of the Yakama People for the gathering of foods, medicines, and ceremonial purposes. These legal rights are outlined in the Treaty of 1855 between the Yakama Nation and the United States government. Just as in the past, these lands and their resources continue to fulfill a central role in the culture of members of the Yakama Nation in the present, and will continue to do so in the future.

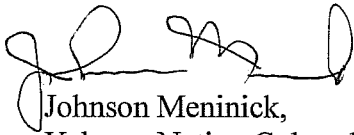
The provided project documentation notes the proposed development as being a 4-lot short plat on approximately 12.06 acres of land located northwest of Ronald, WA north of Redwood Lane on Salmon La Sac Road within a portion of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, Township 21 N., Range 14 E. We have reviewed the project in terms of its potential for adverse impacts to environmental resources, sacred areas, traditional cultural properties, archaeological properties and associated cultural issues. It is our belief that the proposed project is occurring within an area which has a relatively high potential for cultural sites and other cultural resources. The Cle Elum River area, and Bear Creek in particular, is well known to the Yakama Nation as a place of resource gathering, homesites, as well as burial sites and places of spiritual significance. Although the creation of Lake Cle Elum has flooded many of these sites, many still remain.

A review of the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) cultural site database indicates the rich cultural history of the area, with several sites associated with both Native American and historic Euro-American land use being found in the vicinity of the proposed development. Of specific note are sites KT01281, FS01466 and FS01467 which are located adjacent to the proposed development area. These sites reflect Native American utilization of the area.

Given the potential for cultural resource sites at the proposed development locale, we feel that the appropriate action to identify any cultural/archaeological sites present should begin with a professional cultural resources survey and historical documentation of the development area prior to any ground disturbing activities associated with the project. Further, based on the findings of the survey, additional cultural resources protective measures may be necessary during any type of ground disturbing activities relating to the proposed development.

Please contact me at 1-509-865-5121 ext. 4737 or tribal archaeologist Dave Woody at ext. 4760 if you have any questions regarding the above recommendation.

Sincerely,



Johnson Meninick,
Yakama Nation Cultural Resources Program Manager

CC: Gretchen Kaehler, Assistant State Archaeologist, Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP)

Kate Valdez, Yakama Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO)