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Ms. Allison Kimball
Kittitas Community Development Services
411 N. Ruby Street, Suite 2
Ellensburg, WA 98926

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RE: Green Pasture Short Plat, Project No. SP-08-00053

Dear Ms. Kimball:

On November 21, 2008, Kittitas County Community Development Services (KCCDS) received a plat application from D & H Ranch, Inc. for a 4-lot Short Plat.

Ecology met with the proponent on February 25, 2009 to discuss this project. At this meeting additional information was provided to clarify the subject proposal.

The comments below are intended to supersede previous comments submitted by Ecology's Water Resource Program in a letter to KCCDS dated January 27, 2009.

Any ground water withdrawals in excess of 5,000 gallons per day or for the irrigation of more than ½ acre of lawn or noncommercial garden will require a Permit from the Department of Ecology.

Chapter 173-150 WAC provides for the protection of existing rights against impairment, i.e., interruption or interference in the availability of water. If water supply in your area becomes limited, your use could be curtailed by those with senior water rights.

The Attorney General's Opinion, (AGO 1997 No. 6) regarding the status of exempt ground water withdrawals, states that a group of wells drilled by the same person or group of persons, at or about the same time, in the same area, for the same purpose or project should be considered a single withdrawal and would not be exempt from the permitting requirement contained in RCW 90.44.050, if the total amount withdrawn for domestic use exceeds 5,000 gallons per day or if a total of more than ½ acre of lawn and garden are irrigated.

If you have questions concerning the Water Resources comments, please contact Breean Zimmerman at (509) 454-7647.

Sincerely,

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