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December 31, 2009

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

Re: SP-09-00019

Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the short subdivision of approximate 10.26 acres into 3 lots, proposed by Craig Land Company, LLP. We have reviewed the application and have the following comments.

Water Resources

Prospective groundwater users in the area affected by Chapter 173-539A WAC shall apply to Ecology for a permit to appropriate public groundwater or, if seeking to use the groundwater exemption, shall submit to Ecology a request for determination that the proposed exempt use would be water budget neutral. No new exempt uses under Section 90.44.050 RCW may commence unless Ecology has approved a request for determination that the proposed exempt use would be water budget neutral. Because groundwaters have been withdrawn by rule, the proposed lots in Craig Land Company Short Plat (SP-09-00019) will not have a potable water supply as required under RCW 58.17.110.

Construction and Dust Suppression

Water use for road construction and dust suppression for new roads and grading may be required. Construction and dust suppression are not listed uses eligible for appropriation



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under RCW 90.44.050. Therefore, a water right will be required for water used for short term and long term construction and dust suppression needs.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gwen Clear".

Gwen Clear
Environmental Review Coordinator
Central Regional Office
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