



## KITTTITAS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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### RE: Downs Short Plat (SP-12-00007)

Dear Mr. Downs,

The Kittitas County Community Development Services Department has determined that the Downs Short Plat (SP-12-00007) is a complete application and hereby grants *conditional preliminary approval* subject to the following conditions:

1. Both sheets of the final mylars shall reflect short plat number SP-12-00007 and an accurate legal description shall be shown on the face of the final plat.
2. Full year's taxes must be paid on all tax parcel numbers per requirement of the Kittitas County Treasurer's Office.
3. The following plat notes shall be recorded on the final mylar drawings:
  - All development must comply with International Fire Code.
  - This short plat has exhausted the use of the one time split provision allowed per Kittitas County Code. No further one time splits are allowed for the subject parcels and subsequent parcels created via this short plat.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - Prospective purchasers of lots are urged to make inquiries at the Kittitas County Department of Public Works regarding road and access development requirements and permits.
4. Any ground water withdrawals in excess of 5,000 gallons per day or for the irrigation of more than 1/2 acre of lawn or noncommercial garden will require a permit from the Department of Ecology.
5. A statement regarding the contemplated sewage disposal, water supply, and drainage improvements for the proposed subdivision shall be reflected on the final mylars.
6. Applicants shall submit the necessary information to the Kittitas County Public Health Department (KCPHD) to prove that a sufficient adequate potable water supply exist as outlined in the Board of County Commissioners Resolution 2012-027 and Kittitas County Code Title 13 prior to KCPHD being able to recommend final approval.
7. As required by WAC 246-272A-0320 (2) (c) prior to preliminary approval of a subdivision at least one soil log hole per proposed lot must be dug and inspected by the local health officer to determine if existing soil and lot size can allow for on-site sewage systems. Soil logs have been completed and approved per a September 20, 2013 email from Joe Gilbert of Kittitas County Environmental Health Department.
8. Individual wells are required to have a 50 foot setback from neighboring property lines (KCC 17A.08.025). Please contact the Kittitas County Public Health Department for further information and requirements at (509) 962-7515.

9. 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.
10. Should ground disturbing or other activities related to the proposed short plat result in the inadvertent discovery of cultural or archaeological materials, work shall be stopped in the immediate area and contact be made with the Washington State DAHP. Work shall remain suspended until the find is assessed and appropriate consultation is conducted. Should human remains be inadvertently discovered, as dictated by Washington State RCW 27.44.055, work shall be immediately halted in the area and contact made with the coroner and local law enforcement in the most expeditious manner possible.
11. The addresses shall be clearly visible from both directions at the County Road for all properties.
12. The Fire Department access road shall be capable of supporting 75,000 lbs in all weather, be 20' wide, provide 13'6" vertical clearance and provide for adequate turn-around for fire department apparatus.
13. Please review KCC 16.12 (at [http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/boc/countycode/title16.asp#Chapter\\_16.12](http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/boc/countycode/title16.asp#Chapter_16.12)) to insure that all plat drawing requirements are met.
14. Owners and developers are strongly encouraged to work with adjacent property owners during all phases of development and construction to address questions, comments, and concerns which may have an impact to existing structures and property.
15. Access: The property may continue to use the existing approach as a joint-use driveway. If the approach serves additional lots in the future, it may need to be re-evaluated for compliance with Kittitas County Road Standards.  
  
Joint-use Driveway: A joint-use access shall serve no more than two tax parcels. See Kittitas County Road Standards, 9/6/05 edition.
  - a) Access easements shall be a minimum of 20' wide The roadway width shall have a minimum width of 12'
  - b) The surface requirement is for a minimum gravel surface depth of 6"
  - c) Maintenance of driveway approaches shall be the responsibility of the owner whose property they serve. The County will not maintain accesses.
  - d) Any further subdivision or lots to be served by proposed access may result in further access requirements.
16. Private Road Maintenance Agreement: The applicant shall meet all applicable conditions of any pre-established or required Private Road Maintenance Agreements.
17. Lot Closure: It is the responsibility of the Professional Licensed Surveyor (PLS) to ensure the lot closures are correct and accurate.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. Mailbox Placement: Mailboxes must be approved by U.S. Postal Service. Mailbox locations are site specific. Contact your local Post Office for location and design standards before beginning construction.

Approval of the Downs Short Plat may be appealed to the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners upon request of any aggrieved party within 10 working days, and shall accordingly be eligible for final administrative approval after November 6, 2013. Administratively approved short plats must be recorded with the County Auditor and shall not be deemed approved until so filed. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

**You may appeal this determination pursuant to KCC 15A.07.010 by submitting specific factual objections and a fee of \$500 to the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners (205 W. 5<sup>th</sup>, Room 108) by November 6, 2013 at 5:00p.m.**

Sincerely,



Lindsey Ozbolt  
Staff Planner