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Kaycee Hathaway Kittitas County Community Development 411 N. Ruby Street, Suite 2 Ellensburg, WA 98926

Re: SP-14-00004

Dear Ms. Hathaway:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the short subdivision of approximately 9.02 acres into 3 lots, proposed by Kittitas County Public Works. We have reviewed the application and have the following comments.

## WATER RESOURCES

Dividing a piece of property is often the first step in a proposed development. Water availability is essential for development. Ecology encourages the development of public water supply systems, whether publicly or privately owned, to provide water to regional areas and developments. The submitted checklist does not contain sufficient information to evaluate water availability or the adequacy of water rights. Ecology believes water availability should be addressed by the county and the project proponent in the threshold determination for this subdivision.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Water Resources comments, please contact **Jacquelyn Metcalfe** at (509) 457-7148.

Sincerely,

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