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Re: SEPA Register 202102026, SE-21-00007

Dear Kelly Bacon:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Pre-Threshold Consultation for the Spring Creek Restoration Project, proposed by Kittitas County Public Works. We have reviewed the environmental checklist and have the following comment.

**SHORELANDS/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE**

Thank you for providing the Department of Ecology (Ecology) the opportunity to review the Spring Creek Restoration Notice of Application and provide comments. Ecology's Shorelands and Environmental Assistance (SEA) Program staff have reviewed the accompanying SEPA Checklists and have the following comments to provide regarding impacts to waters of the State (wetland and streams) and federal permitting.

A 2.77 acre Category III wetland is reported to existing within the project site and surrounding Spring Creek. A wetland delineation and rating need to be included within any permit application to be deemed complete. Ecology staff have not had an opportunity to review a wetland delineation and rating for this project site. We request a copy of the documents be submitted to ensure correct methodologies were used to make the determinations of the wetland boundary location and category of wetland.

It was noted within the SEPA Checklists that planting of the overgrazed land will be beneficial. It is unclear if livestock have been removed from the project area. Ecology recommends all livestock be excluded from the newly planted area by fencing, if possible.

Placement of fill or excavation within a water of the U.S. (or below the OHWM) may require an individual or general (nationwide) permit from the U.S. Army of Corps of Engineers (Corps). We advise the applicant to contact the Corps to determine if a permit is needed. In addition, review and authorization from the Department of Ecology may be required.

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Ecology requests the following documents be included in an application submittal to the Corps: outlined BMPs to be used, water quality monitoring and protection plan, a detailed planting plan (including species to be planted, location, and spacing). Ecology staff would be happy to review any planting plans associated with the bank stabilization project.

Should you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact **Lori White** at (509) 575-2616 or [lori.white@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:lori.white@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



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