



## MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

**File:** SEPA Checklist (SE-21-00014)  
Pierson SEPA Application

**Description:** Ski Tur Valley Maintenance Association (STVMA) is proposing the construction of five bio-engineered deflection barbs made of tree boles with branches, along approximately 400 feet of the east bank of Gold Creek to prevent creek overflow or relocation that would destroy residences and upland forests. The SEPA application is associated with Shoreline Exemption Permit SX-21-00009 and a future Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife Standard HPA Application. The zoning where the proposed project is located is Planned Unit Development within a Type 1 LAMIRD.

**Proponent:** Ski Tur Valley Maintenance Association (STVMA)  
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**Location:** The project area is located in the northwest portion of Parcel # 328235 along the east bank of Gold Creek, approximately 0.2 miles north of the intersection of Chikamin Peak Road & Gold Creek Lane, Section 11, Township 22, Range 11 in Kittitas County.

**Lead Agency:** Kittitas County Community Development Services

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c) and WAC 197-11. This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist, site visit with state agencies and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request or can be viewed at the Kittitas County Community Development Services website at: <http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/cds/land-use/default.aspx> under "Miscellaneous SEPA Applications" using the file number "SE-21-00014."

The lead agency has determined that certain mitigation measures are necessary in order to issue a Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS) for this proposal. Failure to comply with mitigation measures identified hereafter will result in the issuance of a Determination of Significance (DS) for this project. The mitigation measures include the following:

### Critical Areas

- 1) Any grading over 100 cubic yards of material requires a grading permit through Kittitas County Public Works. Any grading over 500 cubic yards of material will require engineered grading and storm water plans. See Kittitas County Code chapter 14.05. The applicant shall not grade until their grading permit is issued.
- 2) A Floodplain Development Permit will be required for this activity. The 100-year floodplain determined by FEMA was determined utilizing approximate methods and that the spatial extents of the

mapped floodplain conflicts with field conditions. The project site is determined to be within the Special Flood Hazard Area and will require a floodplain development permit. Applicant will need to provide additional information as requested by Public Works for a floodplain development permit.

- 3) The applicant will provide mitigation for upstream and downstream impacts caused by this project. An engineering study by a professional licensed in the State of Washington shall be obtained to understand these impacts, including potential impacts to endangered Bull Trout habitat. This study shall be provided to the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources to assess the need for additional mitigation.
- 4) The applicant will work with Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife to obtain and comply with any conditions from the required HPA permit.

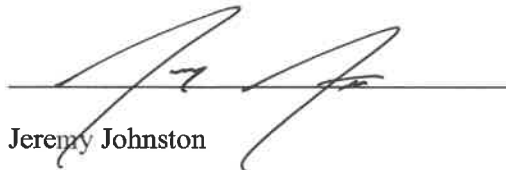
#### Cultural Resources

- 5) Should ground disturbing or other activities related to the grading and clearing 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 Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (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.
- 6) The applicant shall provide a cultural resource survey or otherwise satisfy cultural resource concerns, as directed by DAHP and/or the commenting concerned Tribes. Any survey shall be submitted to DAHP and the commenting affected Tribes for review and approval. In the event that a survey results in the need for significant modification to the project as submitted, the applicant shall modify the project accordingly and submit such modification plans to Kittitas County CDS for approval prior to any ground disturbing activities.

This MDNS is issued under WAC 197-11-355; the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 10 working days. Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge this administrative SEPA action on the grounds of noncompliance with the provisions of Chapter 43.21 RCW, shall be commenced on or before **September 17, 2021 at 5 pm.**

Questions or Comments regarding this determination can be directed to Rachael Stevie, (509) 962-7637, [rachael.stevie.cd@co.kittitas.wa.us](mailto:rachael.stevie.cd@co.kittitas.wa.us).

**Responsible  
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**Date:** September 2, 2021

**Pursuant to Chapter 15A.07.010 KCC, this MDNS may be appealed by submitting specific factual objections in writing with a fee of \$1550.00 to the Kittitas County Community Development Services, 411 N Ruby St. Suite 2, Ellensburg WA 98926. Timely appeals must be received no later than 5:00pm, September 17, 2021. Aggrieved parties are encouraged to contact Community Development Services at (509) 962-7506 for more information on the appeal process.**