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Kelly Bacon
Kittitas County Community Development
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Re: SEPA Register 202105986, SE-21-00024

Dear Kelly Bacon:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Pre-Threshold Consultation for the Shree Thorp convenience store, proposed by Joe Park. We have reviewed the environmental checklist and have the following comment.

WATER QUALITY

Erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading, or construction. These control measures must prevent soil from being carried by stormwater runoff into surface waters, or into stormwater drains that may discharge directly to surface water. Sand, silt, and soil will damage aquatic habitat and are considered pollutants.

If you have any questions concerning the Water Quality comments, please contact **Wendy Neet** at (509) 454-7277 or email at wendy.neet@ecy.wa.gov.

WATER RESOURCES

In Washington State, prospective water users must obtain authorization from the Department of Ecology before diverting surface water or withdrawing ground water, with one exception. Ground water withdrawals of up to 5,000 gallons per day used for single or group domestic supply, up to 5,000 gallons per day used for industrial purposes, stock watering, and for the irrigation of up to one-half acre of non-commercial lawn and garden are exempt from the permitting process. Water use under the RCW 90.44.050 exemption establishes a water right that is subject to the same privileges, restrictions, laws and regulations as a water right permit or certificate obtained directly from Ecology.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Water Resources comments, please contact **Christopher Kossik** at (509) 454-7872 or email at christopher.kossik@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gwen Clear".

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