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Kelly Bacon Kittitas County Community Development 411 N. Ruby St., Suite 2 Ellensburg, WA 98926

Re: SEPA Register 202201045, SE-22-00005

Dear Kelly Bacon:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Optional Determination of Non Significance process for the Haase single family residence, shop and outbuilding project. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

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 <u>christopher.kossik@ecy.wa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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