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Dear Kittitas County Community Development Services,  
Attn: Jeremiah Cromie

I am writing in regards to the notice of application dated Thursday, June 2, 2022 for application received May 19, 2022.

Project name: KC Flood Control Zone District (SE-22-00053).

First, we would like to thank Kittitas County for your attention to this problem ditch along the John Wayne Trail (Palouse to Cascades) which has been filled in over time. We appreciate your efforts to get the ditch cleaned out so that in the event of another flood, Coyote Creek hopefully will not have the same problems that we did during the last flood in February of 2020.

Our only concern is the reference in your letter stating the location is "...Access is a private drive off at 6740 Nelson Siding Rd. between the State Parks Palouse to Cascade Trail (BNSF Railway parcel ID 848736) on the North and private properties referred to as the Old Cedars Development on the South."

Over the years, I have talked to the county and State Parks many times about this road. It is not a private drive, nor a private access. The county and State Parks have referred to this road as a PSE easement road on State Parks land. (See attached letter from Kevin Davis / Park Ranger 3 #404 dated Nov. 21, 2020 which refers to the road as a PSE Easement road. Since this road has had much confusion, we request that you correct the letter to the community and the SEPA checklist to refer to the road correctly for what it is. We just don't want confusion in the future, and of course do not want precedence set.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Best Regards,  
Shelley Moine  
551 Old Cedars Road  
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**Davis, Kevin (PARKS)**

7:42AM  
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to Joshua, Jason, Robert, HOA Coyote Creek

Good morning,

Thank you for taking the time to meet on-site to help clarify the issues affecting the Coyote Creek HOA, and the request for State Parks to assist with solution to access and drainage. I'm sorry we missed you all after the meeting. Josh and I walked back to our vehicles and waited for the group, but only the Kittitas County Public Works employees returned for their vehicles.

As Construction and Maintenance Supervisor Josh White mentioned, a proposal will need to be made to State Parks in order for Josh to begin the paperwork necessary to request State Parks to excavate a drainage ditch to allow excess water coming from outside the State Park to flow East along the trail. The proposal will undergo a review process with no guarantee of authorization.

In regards to the concern of illegal access on the PSE easement road running parallel to the trail West of West Nelson Siding road, State Parks will be recommending the following actions through our chain of command:

1. Installing a sign post with "Entering State Parks Property" and "Authorized Vehicles Only"
2. Installing a gate on the East end of the road with a combo lock
3. Requiring NON emergency, utility, or park staff to request a right-of-entry permit to use the road to gain entry to private property
4. Installing a gate on the trail at Tall Timbers to prohibit vehicles accessing the area from the West and dettracting motorists from accessing from the East to bypass I-90 traffic.
5. Installing jersey barriers on the West end of the trail right of way to detract vehicles from accessing the trail from the PSE easement road.

Respectfully,

Kevin Davis  
Park Ranger 3 #404  
Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission  
Central Cascades Area- East Operations Manager  
*Ginkgo Petrified Forest, Wanapum Recreation Area, Yakima Sportsman, Fort Simcoe, Helen McCabe, Olmstead Place, Palouse to Cascades Trail, and Lake Easton State Parks*  
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