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Jeremiah Cromie
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Re: SEPA Register 202203170, SE-22-00056

Dear Jeremiah Cromie:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Optional Determination of Non Significance process for the residence and shop conversion to non-forestry, proposed by Christopher and Haley Kubeja. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

WATER QUALITY

Forest conversion and rezoning applications are typically the first step for a proposed development. Activities including, but not limited to, road building or widening, stump pulling and clearing, grading and fill work and utility placements may require an NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit issued by the Department of Ecology prior to start of construction. This permit requires submitting an application, the preparation of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and a public notice process. This application process may take 38-60 days to complete.

Please contact **Wendy Neet** with the Department of Ecology, (509) 571-6733 or email wendy.neet@ecy.wa.gov , with questions about this permit.

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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) 379-1826 or email at christopher.kossik@ecy.wa.gov .

Sincerely,

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