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Rachael,

In my opinion it would seem that this SEPA would be put on hold and if they need/want to do a building footprint in the future then run SEPA on that then. They don't need SEPA for regular Forest Practice thinning as stated by DNR and its impossible to comment on future building locations in a SEPA if their location isn't identified. If its not being put on hold, I would request to have the building site portion removed as that should go through a future SEPA once those details are known.

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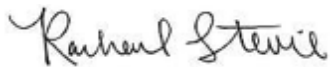
Good morning Scott,

The applicant does not have an idea where homes could be constructed in the future. They are not even sure that they *will* build any residences. We are going to leave this SEPA application as-is,

addressing the timber clearing only. Down the road, if the applicants decide to build a residence (or more), they will go through the appropriate permitting processes at that time.

Let me know if that works for you or if you need any more information to comment on the project.

Thank you,



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Rachael,

Thank you for the chance to review. WDFW primary comments center around the issue of potential home sites and lack of specifics. There is a potential drainage (currently modeled as a Type 9) and some modeled steep slopes on the subject area. Without knowing where the potential home sites are shown on a site map, it is not possible to evaluate this application for natural resources impacts. I would request that either exact home site locations be provided and then allow time for comments or that they resubmit their SEPA for the homesites once they have those details established. As to the Forest Practice component, WDFW is part of the Forest Practice Review process with DNR and will evaluate any habitat impacts for that component as part of the Forest Practice permit.

Thank you,

Scott

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