



# KITTITAS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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"Building Partnerships - Building Communities"

## SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

### Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

### Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

### Use of checklist for nonproject proposals: [help](#)

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements -that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

### APPLICATION FEES:

\$600.00 Kittitas County Community Development Services (KCCDS)\*\*

\$950.00\* Kittitas County Department of Public Works\*\*

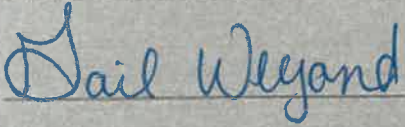
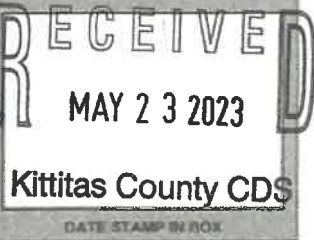
\$260.00 Kittitas County Public Health

**\$1,810.00 Total fees due for this application** (One check made payable to KCCDS)

\*2 hours of review included in Public Works Fee. Additional review hours will be billed at \$243 per hour.

\*\* Note:KCCDS and PW fees are waived if project is a VSP sponsored fish enhancement project.

### FOR STAFF USE ONLY

Application Received by (CDS Staff Signature): 	DATE: 5-23-23	RECEIPT# CD23-01306	
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## **A. Background** [Find help answering background questions](#)

**1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:**

Hallisey driveway access for future new residence

**2. Name of applicant:**

Owner (Brad & Tiffany Hallisey) Agent (Daron Rarden)

**3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:**

7200 138th Pl NE, Redmond, WA 98052

Brad & Tiffany Hallisey

50 Pioneer Trl, Cle Elum WA 98922

Daron Rarden dcrarden@yahoo.com 509 260 0300

**4. Date checklist prepared:**

5/19/2023-Design stage

**5. Agency requesting checklist:**

Kittitas County Public Works-Kittitas County Community Development Services

**6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):**

July 1st 2023 driveway construction-March 2024 building of house

**7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.**

Proposal for driveway construction, house will be built after. No further expansion

**8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.**

survey and mapping of entire project and civil engineering , road variance issued  
(RV-22-00002)

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

No

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

Grading Permit-KCPW

Access Permit-KCPW

Building Permit-KCCDS

On site sewage-KCPH- already issued

**11. Give a brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)**

Re-grade driveway to lot and add EMS turnaround apparatus to meet access requirements. Our work area is limited to 10 feet each way of centerline of existing driveway through neighboring parcels. At the future residence build site there are two existing cleared and flat cut pads. Soils will be moved from new EMS turn around location and the footprint of the house to the lower pad to increase its elevation by approximately 3 feet.

**12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.**

1167 Via Kachess Rd, Easton, WA 98925 and driveway access from Via Kachess Rd.

## B. Environmental Elements

### 1. Earth [Find help answering earth questions](#)

#### a. General description of the site:

Moderately steep slopes with moderate trees and solid surface rock outcropping. Project will be taking place primarily within existing driveway location

Circle or highlight one: Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, **mountainous**, other:

#### b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

Overall land slopes >40%. Driveway will be Re-graded to meet 15% or less where possible.

#### c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them, and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

Gravel, loam, solid rock. No removal from site.

#### d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

No

#### e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

Re-grade approximately 1000 In ft of access driveway with moderate cut and minimal fill needed. Importing of road base materials from Ellensburg Cement Products Easton Pit parcel #091634 & #221634. Quantity to be determined by civil engineering.

#### Could erosion occur because of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

No

#### f. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

No more so than before relate to the driveway portion of this project. The new house will add approximately 1300 sq ft of impervious surface. The total impervious surface of the lot after all phases are complete will be approximately 1-2%

#### g. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any.

Engineered road and drainage plan. Only removing the necessary vegetation needed to construct access. The building site should not need further removal of vegetation to construct the house.

## 2. Air [Find help answering air questions](#)

**a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.**

Vehicle emissions from trucks and equipment used to clear site and construct driveway. Crushing of rock off site and vehicle emissions for transport of rock (approximately 13mi away). Minimal refueling of equipment on site. Dust from off site and on site moving and placement of materials. Vehicle emissions from trucks and equipment used to build the future residential home.

**b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.**

See answers above for off-site related emissions

**c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any.**

Measures already in place at ECP pit

## 3. Water [Find help answering water questions](#)

**a. Surface Water: [Find help answering surface water questions](#)**

**1. Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.**

There is no year round surface water on the proposed project. There appears to be a Wetland along the opposing side of Via Kachess Rd this seems to be either a historic wetland that may have been altered with improvements to Via Kachess Rd or potential seasonal runoff although not wet at the time of filling. Regardless, the work taking place should have no effect due to proximity and we do not intend to disturb the natural draining of the area with this project.

**2. Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.**

No

**3. Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.**

None

**4. Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

No surface water withdrawals



5. Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

No

6. Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

No

**b. Ground Water:** [Find help answering ground water questions](#)

1. Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Shared well on adjacent lot is already in use no additional wells

2. Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

1 individual OSS designed and will be installed in accordance with Kittitas County Public Health. Permit already acquired.

**c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):**

a) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

Engineered drainage plan shall be provided and followed to ensure natural drainage is not impeded

b) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

Impervious surfaces are limited to future residential building and any waste materials would be limited to basic residential use as no farming or agricultural purposes are proposed as part of this project

c) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

As part of the engineered drainage plan, our intention will be to maintain any natural drainage flow and



patterns in and out of the proposed project

- d) Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any.**

Previously answered in earlier questions of this section

#### 4. Plants [Find help answering plants questions](#)

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- shrubs
- grass
- pasture
- crop or grain
- orchards, vineyards, or other permanent crops.
- wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

Our work area is limited to 10 feet each way of the centerline of existing driveway through neighboring parcels and two previously cleared dirt/gravel pads and should not affect most vegetation.

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

None

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any.

None

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

None, site is primarily within existing driveway and lot clearing

#### 5. Animals [Find help answering animal questions](#)

a. List any birds and other animals that have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include:

- Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
- Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

Turkey, Deer, Elk, Cougar, Bear

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

None

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

no

**d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any.**

Minimal vegetation removal

**e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.**

Brown Marmorated Stink Bug

**6. Energy and Natural Resources** [Find help answering energy and natural resource questions](#)

**1. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.**

Our proposed project is limited to Re-grading existing driveway to provide access to the future home which will then be built to county standards. The energy usage will likely be limited to diesel fuel for trucks and equipment and gasoline for small equipment like saws and generators.

**2. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.**

No

**3. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any.**

None

**7. Environmental Health** [Find help with answering environmental health questions](#)

**a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur because of this proposal? If so, describe.**

Our proposed project is limited to Re-grading existing driveway to provide access to future home to be built to county standards. The environmental health hazards will likely be limited to diesel fuel for trucks and equipment and gasoline for small equipment like saws and generators.

**1. Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.**

None

**2. Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.**

None

- 3. Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.**

Limited amounts of construction related fuels

- 4. Describe special emergency services that might be required.**

None

- 5. Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.**

Safe refueling practices during construction

**b. Noise**

- 1. What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?**

None that will affect our proposed project

- 2. What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site)?**

Short term noise will be from construction and limited to daytime hours. Long term noise will be common to residential use

- 3. Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any.**

Limiting construction hours to county standards for construction. Most construction will occur away from existing homes.

**8. Land and Shoreline Use** [Find help answering land and shoreline use questions](#)

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.**

The proposed project site has been used for private recreational use. Adjacent properties have existing homes or cabins. Future use will include the building and transition to use of one new residence

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses because of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?**

The project site use will not be affected. It is not forest or farm land currently.

- 1. Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how?**

No

- c. Describe any structures on the site.**

1 Approximately 10' X 20' snowmobile storage shed

**d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?**

No

**e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?**

Rural 5

**f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?**

Rural, Moderate use intensity, residential opportunities with rural character outside of UGAs and LAMIRDS

**g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?**

Project is not in the shoreline master program designation

**h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.**

No

**i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?**

2-4 based on 1 new future home

**j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?**

None

**k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any.**

None needed

**l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any.**

Proposed project meets land use requirements

**m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any.**

Answered in 8b.

**9. [Housing](#) [Find help answering housing questions](#)**

**a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or**

**low-income housing.**

One future residence will be permitted and constructed after access is approved.

**b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**

None

**c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any.**

None



**10. Aesthetics** [Find help answering aesthetics questions](#)

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?**

Expectations of a future home would be comparable to adjacent residential properties.

Preliminary plans show 1 floor with a loft and a full basement.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?**

Minimal impact to views and no obstructions made to the surrounding area. The terrain is relatively steep with tree coverage and should provide no obstructions to neighboring parcels.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any.**

None

**11. Light and Glare** [Find help answering light and glare questions](#)

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?**

Minimal light or glare will be associated with this proposed project. Final usage will be residential home and light associated with that. No proposed street lights as part of this project

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?**

No more so than any adjacent rural residential properties

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?**

No foreseeable effects of off-site light or glare

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any.**

None

**12. Recreation** [Find help answering recreation questions](#)

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?**

Kachess campground, lake Kachess, Hiking, fishing, snow activities, and close proximity to national forest access points

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.**

No

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any.**

None needed

**13. Historic and Cultural Preservation** [Find help answering historic and cultural preservation questions](#)

- a. **Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.**

No

- b. **Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.**

No

- c. **Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.**

Our work area is limited to 10 feet each way of centerline of existing driveway through neighboring parcels and two preexisting build pads previously excavated. Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation wisgaard site shows no known POIs in the surrounding areas. This lot appears to have been heavily logged, as with most of the surrounding areas, and the land shows signs of stump removal at some point.

- d. **Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.**

Being that the site has already had significant soil disturbance we do not anticipate finding anything of historical relevance. We will follow any guidance and regulations provided should there prove to be any points of interest, and have an IDP in place.

**14. Transportation** [Find help with answering transportation questions](#)

- a. **Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.**

Our proposed project will have one existing access point. Exit #62 off Interstate 90- travel 2.9-miles on Kachess Lake Rd then make right turn onto Via Kachess Rd drive 0.6 mile to point of access which is an existing private multi use driveway.

- b. **Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?**

No- Approximately 26 miles into Cle Elum city for nearest transit

- c. **Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle, or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate**

whether public or private).

No

**d. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.**

No

**e. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?**

Current lot is used as recreational site and will eventually have a new home constructed. There should be no new trips generated related to this proposal after the re-grading of the driveway is completed

f. Will the proposal interfere with, affect, or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

No

g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any.

None

**15. Public Services** [Find help answering public service questions](#)

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

No

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

Engineered private driveway to be constructed with code compliant EMS turn around

**16. Utilities** [Find help answering utilities questions](#)

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: **electricity**, natural gas, **water**, **refuse service**, **telephone**, sanitary sewer, septic system, other:

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

Septic system will be installed permit has already been issued not directly related to this proposal

**C. Signature** [Find help about who should sign](#)

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.



Type name of signee:

Daron Rarden

**Position and agency/organization:**

Agent of owner

**Date submitted:**

5/18/2023

**D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions** [Find help for the nonproject actions worksheet](#)

**IT IS NOT REQUIRED** to use this section for project actions.

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

**1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?**

- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:**

**2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?**

- **Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:**

**3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?**

- **Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:**

**4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection, such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?**

- **Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:**

**5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?**

- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:**

**6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?**

- **Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:**

**7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.**