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Chace Pedersen
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RE: 202304350; SE-23-00016

Dear Chace Pedersen:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Application for the Ritter Access Road. We have reviewed the application and have the following comments.

Shorelands and Environmental Assistance

Regarding Wetland and Potential Wetland Impacts

Text in the SEPA Checklist indicate a wetland report is pending. The report should delineate any wetlands using the US Army Corps of Engineers Wetland Rating Manual (1987) and the Regional Supplement for the Arid West. Any wetlands should be rated following guidelines in the Washington State Wetland Rating System for Eastern Washington: 2014 Update. The wetland report should provide all information required in Kittitas County Code 17A.07 WETLANDS including mitigation planning for any potential impacts to wetlands or wetland buffers. Please reach out to Ryan Anderson (rand461@ecy.wa.gov) with any questions regarding this comment.

Water Quality

Erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading, or construction. These control measures must prevent soil from being carried by stormwater runoff into surface waters, or into stormwater drains that may discharge directly to surface water. Sand, silt, and soil will damage aquatic habitat and are considered pollutants. Please reach out to Wendy Neet (wnee461@ecy.wa.gov) with any questions regarding this comment.

Sincerely,

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