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MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

File: SEPA Checklist (SE-23-00016 Ritter)

Description: James S. Ritter is proposing a 16-foot wide & 1,400-foot long access road to an existing outbuilding on parcel #10847. The project is proposed on a site that is zoned Agriculture 20 with a Rural Working land use designation.

Proponent: James S Ritter
P.O. Box 1191
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Location: The subject property is parcel #10847 and parcel #664234, approximately 5.88 miles northeast of the City of Ellensburg in Section 8, Township 18, Range 19, in Kittitas County.

Lead Agency: Kittitas County Community Development Services

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request, or can be viewed at the Kittitas County Community Development Services website at: <http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/cds/land-use/default.aspx> under "Miscellaneous SEPA Applications" using the file number "SE-23-00016 Ritter".

The lead agency has determined that certain mitigation measures are necessary to issue a Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS) for this proposal. Failure to comply with mitigation measures identified hereafter will result in the issuance of a Determination of Significance (DS) for this project. The mitigation measures include the following:

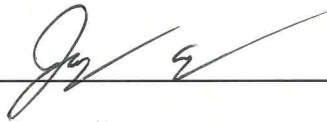
1. A cultural resources survey shall be conducted by a professional archaeologist prior to ground disturbing activities. The cultural resource survey report produced as a result of the survey shall meet DAHP's standards for cultural resource reporting. The report shall be shared with the Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation.
2. Should ground disturbing or other activities result in the inadvertent discovery of cultural resources or archaeological materials, work shall be stopped in the immediate area and contact be made with the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. Work shall remain suspended until the findings are assessed, and appropriate consultation is conducted. Should human remains be inadvertently discovered, as dictated by Washington State RCW 27.44.055, work shall be immediately halted in the area and contact made with the coroner and local law enforcement in the most expeditious manner possible.

3. The proposed development shall occur outside of all wetlands and associated buffers as found in the Critical Areas Report for the subject property completed by GG Environmental, LLC on September 28, 2023.
4. The applicant shall meet all conditions and requirements of Kittitas County Public Works grading permit GP-23-00019.

This MDNS is issued under WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on the MDNS; the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 10 working days. Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge this administrative SEPA action on the grounds of noncompliance with the provisions of Chapter 43.21 RCW, shall be commenced on or before **December 1, 2023, at 5 p.m.**

Questions or Comments regarding this determination can be directed to Chace Pedersen, (509) 962-7637, chace.pedersen@co.kittitas.wa.us

**Responsible
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Date: November 15, 2023

Pursuant to Chapter 15A.07.010 KCC, this MDNS may be appealed by submitting specific factual objections in writing with a fee of \$1670.00 to the Kittitas County Community Development Services, 411 N Ruby St. Suite 2, Ellensburg WA 98926. Timely appeals must be received no later than 5:00pm, December 1, 2023. Aggrieved parties are encouraged to contact Community Development Services at (509) 962-7506 for more information on appeal process.