

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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To:

CTED Review Team

Government Agencies

From:

Joanna Valencia, staff planner,

Date:

June 5, 2007

Subject:

SEPA NOTICE OF ACTION

Kittitas County Development Code Update

Enclosed please find an Environmental Checklist, SEPA Notice of Action and Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) and Notice of Adoption of Existing Environmental Documents for the Kittitas County Development Code Update, of which drafts have been recommended to the Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners for adoption by the Kittitas County Planning Commission. Drafts of the Planning Commission recommendations are included as electronic versions in the attached CD. Hardcopies are available by request by contacting the Community Development Services (CDS) office. Information is also available online at http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/cds/developmentcode.asp. The full project record is available for review at the CDS office, 411 N Ruby St Suite 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926, (509) 962-7506. Staff Contacts: Joanna Valencia and Scott Turnbull.

The County may retain, withdraw, or modify this DNS based on timely comments. Written comments received during this 15 day comment period will also be incorporated into the record.

Timely comments on this threshold determination must be received no later than June 20, 2007 at 5:00pm and submitted to the CDS office.



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SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

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PURPOSE OF CHECKLIST:

The State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW. Requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposals. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts or your proposal are significant, requiring preparation if an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "don not know" or "does not apply" Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

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:

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS.

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant" and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer" and "affected geographic are" respectively.

FOR STAFF USE

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Non-project action: Kittitas County Development Code Update

- 2. Name of applicant: Kittitas County
- 3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

Kittitas County Community Development Services Joanna Valencia, staff planner 411 N Ruby St. Suite 2 Ellensburg, WA 98926 (506)962-7506

- 4. Date checklist prepared: June 4, 2007
- 5. Agency requesting checklist: Kittitas County

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): NA	
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. N/A	
8. List any environmental information you know about that had been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement, June 17, 1996; Kittitas County SEPA Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Statement, October 3, 1997;	
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. <i>N/A</i>	
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. N/A	
11. Give 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.)	
Items for consideration of this non-project action includes the following: Chapter 14.08, Flood Damage Prevention; Title 15A; Project Permit Application Process; Title 17, Zoning Code; Chapter 16.09, Performance Based Cluster Platting; Title 17B, Forest Practices; and Chapter 17.99, Design Standards.	
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.	
Kittitas County, Washington	
ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS 1. Earth	
a. General description of the site (circle one): flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other. $N\!/\!A$	
b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? N/A	
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 prime farmland. N/A	

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	d. immed <i>N/A</i>	Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the liate vicinity?	
	e. or grad <i>N/A</i>	Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filing ling proposed. Indicate source of fill.	
	f. so, gen <i>N/A</i>	Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If nerally describe.	
	g. surface <i>N/A</i>	About what percentage of the site will be covered with impervious as after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?	
	h. the ear <i>N/A</i>	Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to th, if any:	
2.	and w	What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal ast, automobiles, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction then the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give cimate quantities if known.	
	b. your p <i>N/A</i>	Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect proposal? If so, generally describe.	
	c. to air, <i>N/A</i>	Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts if any:	
3.	WATER a.	Surface 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 streams or river it flows into. <i>N/A</i>	
		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.	

N/A

	3) Estimate the 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. $N\!/\!A$	
	4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. <i>N/A</i>	
	5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. N/A	
	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. <i>N/A</i>	
b.	Ground 1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to surface waters? If so, give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. N/A	
	2) Describe waste materials that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: 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. <i>N/A</i>	
c.	Water Runoff (including storm water): 1) 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. N/A	
	2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. N/A	
d. water	Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff impacts, if any: $N\!/\!A$	
4. <u>Plants</u>		
a.	Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site: N/A	
	deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other shrubs grass	

pasture

	crop or grain wet soil plants: cattails, buttercup, bulrush, 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? N/A	
c.	List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site. $N\!/\!A$	
d. preserv	Proposed landscaping use of native plants, or other measures to be or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: N/A	
ANIMA a. the site	LS Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near or are known to be on or near the site: N/A	
	birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other: mammals: deer, bear, elk, beavers, other: fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:	
b. the site	List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near N/A	
c.	Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. N/A	
d.	Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any. $N\!/\!A$	
a. will be	What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) sused to meet the competed project senergy needs? Describe whether be used for heating, manufacturing, etc. N/A	
b. adjace	Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by nt properties? If so, describe. N/A	
	What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy is, if any. N/A	
a. toxic c	ONMENTAL HEALTH Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.	

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	1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.	
	N/A	
	2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health	
	hazards, if any. N/A	
b.	Noise	
	1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project	
	(for example, traffic, equipment, operation, other)? N/A	
	2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated	
	with the project on a short-term basis (for example: traffic, construction,	
	operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site. N/A	
	2) Duamagad magayyag ta madyag an aantral naiga immagta if any	
	3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any. <i>N/A</i>	
T AND A	ND SHORELINE USE	
a.	What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?	
	N/A	
b.	Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe. N/A	
c.	Describe any structures on the site. N/A	
d.	Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? N/A	
_	What is the assument waring classification of the site?	
e.	What is the current zoning classification of the site? N/A	
f.	What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?	
1.	N/A	
g.	If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program	
	tion of the site?	
	N/A	
h.	Has any part of the site been classified as an:	
	\square environmentally sensitive area? N/A	
i.	Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? N/A	
	Ammovimentally have many magnic yearly would recide on yearly in the completed	
J. project?	Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed <i>N/A</i>	
	Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any.	
k.	N/A	
	1. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with	
	existing and projected land uses and plans, if any.	
	The proposed code amendments are intended to ensure compatibility with the land use plan.	

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9.	HOUSII a. whethe	NG Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate or high, middle or low-income housing.	
		N/A .	
	b. Indicat	Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? te whether high, middle or low-income housing.	
		N/A	
	c.	Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any. N/A	
10.	<u>AESTH</u>		
	a. antenn	What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including as; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? N/A	
	b.	What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? N/A	
	C.	Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any. $N\!/\!A$	
11.	<u>Light</u> a.	AND GLARE What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time	
		what type of light of glare will the proposal produce. What time would it mainly occur? N/A	
	b. interfe	Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or ere with views? <i>N/A</i>	
	C.	What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? N/A	
	d.	Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any. $N\!/\!A$	
12.	<u>Recri</u> a.	EATION What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the	
	immed	diate vicinity? N/A	
	b. If so,	Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? describe. $N\!\!/\!A$	
	c. includ if any	Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, ling recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, N/A	
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13.	a.	ORIC AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national,	
		or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If enerally describe.	
	so, ge	N/A	

b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site. N/A	
c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any. NA	
TRANSPORTATION a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. N/A	
b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? N/A	
c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate? $N\!/\!A$	
d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). N/A	
e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. N/A	
f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur. $N\!/\!A$	
g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any. $N\!/\!A$	
PUBLIC SERVICE a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. N/A	
b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. $N\!/\!A$	

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16.	UTILITIES a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse services, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other. N/A	
	b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the services, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed. N/A	
C.	SIGNATURE ☐ The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead its decision. ☐ Signature: ☐ Date:	
THE I COME	E/CDS FORMS/PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES APPLICATION/FLOOD DEVELOPMENT PERMIT ED: 01/01/07 REMAINING QUESTIONS ARE EXCLUSIVELY FOR REZONE APPLICANTS AND FOR AMEN PREHENSIVE PLAN AND CODE. UNLESS THESE APPLY TO YOU, THIS IS THE END OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST QUESTIONS FOR NON-PROJECT ACTIONS ONLY. WHEN ANSWE	ERING THESE QUESTIONS, BE
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qua	Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement discusses air and water lity within Kittitas County. The discussions contained in the Final Environmental Impact Statement hereby adopted by reference.	
The Cou	How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish or marine Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish or marine life. update is not likely to affect plants, animals, or marine life over what already occurs under current unty Regulations. The proposed update doesn't include new uses or changes that would result in a nificant increase of the before mentioned items.	

The Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement discusses environmental concerns related to fish and animal life, and includes a discussion related to biological resources. The discussions contained in the Final Environmental Impact Statement

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources? Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources. Within the unincorporated county: electricity, fossil fluels, reliese service, telephone, and private and community water are used. No new utilities are planned through the update process for implementation through development regulations. The Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement discusses possible impacts to energy and natural resources and is hereby adopted by reference. 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, wideleness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habital, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands? Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts. Under RCW 36.70A, the Growth Management Act, the County has developed and implemented Kittitas County Code Title 17A, Critical Areas, which addresses development within or in the vicinity to wellands, frequently flooded areas, geologic hazard areas, typed waters and wildlife habital areas. Contained within the Kittitas County Code are regulations to address natural resource lands and the protection of agricultural and forest lands and activities. 5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses? Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impact. The proposed Development Code Update doesn't propose any additional shoreline uses. The Kittitas County Shoreline Master Progrem, Kittitas County Code Chapter 14.08, Flood Damage Prevention, and Kittitas County Code Title 17A, Critical Areas, will continue to govern shoreline proposals, and proposals will be reviewed and potential impacts will be addressed during the review period. 6. How would the proposal be lik	are hereby adopted by reference.	
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Notice of Action/Adoption

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that pursuant to RCW 43.21C (SEPA), Kittitas County Community Development Services (CDS) did on June 5, 2007 make a Determination of Non-significance (DNS) and issued an Adoption of Existing Environmental Document on the Kittitas County Development Code Update. Items for consideration of this non-project action include the following: Chapter 14.08, Flood Damage Prevention; Title 15A; Project Permit Application Process; Title 17, Zoning Code; Chapter 16.09, Performance Based Cluster Platting; Title 17B, Forest Practices; and Chapter 17.99, Design Standards.

After review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file, the lead agency has determined that this non-project action does 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 DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Written comments may be submitted and must be received by June 20, 2007 at 5:00pm to the CDS office, 411 N Ruby St. Suite 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926, (509)962-7506. Staff contacts: Joanna Valencia and Scott Turnbull.

Date: June 5, 2007

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DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE AND ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

Description of current proposal: Kittitas County Development Code Update

Items for consideration of this non-project action includes the following: Chapter 14.08, Flood Damage Prevention; Title 15A; Project Permit Application Process; Title 17, Zoning Code; Chapter 16.09, Performance Based Cluster Platting; Title 17B, Forest Practices; and Chapter 17.99, Design Standards.

Proponent: Kittitas County

Location of current proposal: Kittitas County, Washington

Title of document being adopted (s) and date of adopted document (s): Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement, June 17, 1996; Kittitas County SEPA Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Statement, October 3, 1997; Mitigated Determination of Non-significance issued by the City of Cle Elum- 1998 Annual Amendment, June 23, 1998.

Lead Agency: Kittitas County Community Development Services

Description of document (or portion) being adopted: Documents that evaluate the environmental impacts of implementing the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan.

If the document being adopted has been challenged (WAC-197-11-630), please describe: None known.

The document is available to be read at: Kittitas County Community Development Services Office, 411 N Ruby St Suite 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926.

We have identified and adopted these documents as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The documents meet our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probably 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.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Written comments may be submitted and must be received by June 20, 2007 at 5:00pm to the CDS office, 411 N Ruby St. Suite 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926, (509)962-7506. Staff contacts: Joanna Valencia and Scott Turnbull.

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