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Hello Chace,

I'm sending along this communication with SEPA regarding The Outpost water sources - currently a well that supports a 700 sqft cabin and a springbox. I wanted to be sure these specific comments were a part of the public comment record. Please see below.

Thank you,
Carrie McClinton

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From: **ECY RE CRO SEPA Coordinator** <crosepa@ecy.wa.gov>
Date: Thu, Nov 30, 2023 at 1:39 PM
Subject: RE: DOE Letter for proposed campground - The Outpost
To: Carrie McClinton <carriemcclinton@gmail.com>, Neet, Wendy (ECY) <wnee461@ecy.wa.gov>

Hi Carrie,

Thanks for reaching out to our agency. I have asked our staff in Water Resources to respond to your question "*Would a springbox not qualify as surface water withdrawals or diversions?*"

I will also forward your email to the Lead Agency and recommend submitting your comments to them prior to 5:00 pm on December 1st, 2023.

SEPA Lead Agency and Responsible Official for this proposal:

Chace Pedersen

Kittitas County Community Development Services

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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From: Carrie McClinton <carriemccclinton@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 12:58 PM

To: ECY RE CRO SEPA Coordinator <crosepa@ecy.wa.gov>; Neet, Wendy (ECY) <wnee461@ECY.WA.GOV>

Subject: DOE Letter for proposed campground - The Outpost

Hello Joy and Wendy,

I live on 200 Sandelin Lane, close to the proposed Outpost. I'm against granting this developer a CUP for many reasons and I'm leveraging the public comment period, but as I was reading through the DOE letter recently posted I wanted to comment directly to you.

It is my understanding that the developer of this site has noted a well on their current application for development. There is also a springbox on Spring Creek, assumingly for water as well.

In the SEPA checklist they stated:

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#)

No surface water withdrawal or diversions are proposed as part of the project.

Would a springbox not qualify as surface water withdrawals or diversions? I'm trying to find where I saw the springbox noted and can send along if needed.

Also on the SEPA checklist:

- 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. [\[help\]](#)

A well will serve the site with water, a septic system will service sewer, and existing electricity will be maintained.

The current well is a one structure/home well. Additional rights would need to be obtained for a well serving a much higher volume of people.

The existing well will potentially be redone on the property as part of the proposed Lake Cle Elum pool raise project in that they are "making the property owner whole" by creating a new well since the current system may be disrupted by the pool raise project. Making the owner "whole" would serve the existing (1) 700 sqft cabin currently on the property. This development is 30+ campaign units...each unit housing 2-3 people. Water service for this volume of people does not align with their existing or replacement (like-for-like) well.

Based on the SEPA checklist, it seems this response is inaccurate on both counts and I wanted to call that to your attention and see if I'm reading correctly.

My contact at BOR is:

Wendy Christensen, P.E.

YRBWEP Manager

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Please let me know your thoughts on how this developer's plans for water will serve this campground.

Thanks in advance for your diligence in vetting this proposed campground development. Feel free to call me if it's easier.

Carrie McClinton

200 Sandelin Lane

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