



State Environmental Policy Act Determination of Non-Significance

Description: Kittitas County proposes a substantial update to its Critical Areas Ordinance (KCC Title 17A). The proposed update will bring the existing regulations, dating to 1994, into compliance with current Washington State regulations and Best Available Science. Critical area regulations are development regulations that designate critical areas and protect the functions and values of those critical areas. Critical area regulations also protect public health and safety, as required by the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A.060). Kittitas County's critical areas include critical aquifer recharge areas, Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas, frequently flooded areas, geologically hazardous areas, and wetlands.

Proponent: Kittitas County
411 N. Ruby Street, Suite 2
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Location: Elements of the proposal are countywide.

Lead Agency: Kittitas County Community Development Services

The lead agency for this proposal has determined it will 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, or can be reviewed at the Kittitas County Community Development Services Critical Areas Ordinance website at:

<https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/cds/cao/default.aspx>.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and Kittitas County Code 15A.04.020(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 15 days. Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge this administrative SEPA action on the grounds of noncompliance with the provisions of 43.21C RCW, shall be commenced on or before **October 8, 2021** at 5:00pm.

Any person, affected tribe, or agency may submit comments to the lead agency within 15 days of the date of issuance of the DNS. The lead agency will then: retain, modify, or withdraw the decision.

Responsible Official:


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