

**From:** [Downes, Scott G \(DFW\)](#)  
**To:** [Jeremiah Cromie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: RU-22-00005 Kostanich - Transmittal of Comments  
**Date:** Monday, May 8, 2023 7:30:56 AM

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Jeremiah,

Thanks for sending along. While the number of trees planted increased, the plan did not address several of my earlier comments. Is there a reason why (other than potentially site access with snow)?

Here were my earlier comments. I still don't know what's being removed and there are no riparian plants included. If not removing any trees, that would be helpful to know as well.

"The plan looks incomplete for review. Are they removing any trees? The lot looks fairly treed, so seems difficult to build without removing. **If they are removing then the mitigation plan needs to show the number and size of each tree being removed as that's part of the impacts.**

The mitigation proposal of 12 conifer trees is insufficient. As discussed on similar proposals, shade and riparian habitat are the main components for these RU near streams, especially fish streams. **It will take a long time for conifers to grow up. To compensate for shade and riparian habitat, I would like to see addition of fast growing riparian shrubs along the creek in the planting plan** and if they are removing trees (i.e. willow, dogwood etc.), then the mitigation plan should consider either putting those trees in the creek as habitat or if that is not feasible, having discussions of donating those trees to any nearby habitat projects. To have those discussions, the plan needs to show what trees (where and size) are being impacted. "

Thanks,

Scott

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Scott,

I just received this revised mitigation plan for the Kostanich Reasonable Use application (RU-22-00005) on parcel 448135. Can you let me know any comments you have on this by **5p May 18, 2023**. They still need a 10-year monitoring plan per county code but I think that can easily be adjusted.

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Thanks.

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Hi Jeremiah,

Attached is an updated mitigation plan from Ed Sewall following further comments and communications from Scott with DFW.

Thanks,  
Trevor

On Tue, Apr 18, 2023 at 9:57 AM Jeremiah Cromie <[jeremiah.cromie@co.kittitas.wa.us](mailto:jeremiah.cromie@co.kittitas.wa.us)> wrote:

Ed,

Please see the attached comments from DFW about the proposed mitigation plan for Reasonable Use Application: RU-22-00005 Kostanich. I have attached the proposed mitigation plan for reference. Also, for the time being monitoring plans require 10 year under [KCC 17A.01.100\(d\)\(i\)](#).

Please have any response to WDFW comments back by **5 PM on May 5, 2023**. Let me know if there are questions.

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Jeremiah, attached is the Kostanich mitigation plan.  
Ed Sewall

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Ed,

I have not seen a mitigation plan yet. As it has been a little while since the last conversation and snow is starting to melt I thought I would check in. I'm guessing you need the snow melt to be quite a bit more still for a mitigation plan or if you have one done, can you please provide it, so we can continue processing this reasonable use request (RU-22-00005/Parcel 448135)?

Thanks.

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Thanks for the update Ed.

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Jeremiah, I am working on the mitigation plan based on wdfw comments at this time and should have that ready next week.

Ed Sewall

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Trevor and Ed,

I thought I would follow up with you and see if you still wanted to submit response comments for your reasonable use application (as it is almost the end of January now)?

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Hi Jeremiah,

Ed Sewall and I are still working on a response to WDFW's comments. We'll be in touch early January.

Happy Holidays,

Trevor

On Wed, Dec 14, 2022 at 11:22 AM Jeremiah Cromie <[jeremiah.cromie@co.kittitas.wa.us](mailto:jeremiah.cromie@co.kittitas.wa.us)> wrote:

Good morning,

Please find the attached correspondence regarding your reasonable use application (RU-22-00005 Kostanich). I have also placed a hard copy in the mail.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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