

From: [Downes, Scott G \(DFW\)](#)
To: [Jeremiah Cromie](#)
Subject: RE: RU-22-00005 Kostenich - Transmittal of Comments
Date: Thursday, June 1, 2023 2:35:56 PM

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Jeremiah,

While I appreciate they added a few elements, it is really difficult to comment if this plan is adequate because they didn't include one of the items I was requesting:

1. What are the size of the trees being removed and where are they located, they mention 12 in the email but don't talk about their size or position to the creek (how much are they contributing to shade of the creek)?

We need to determine shade inputs to the creek. If the current trees to be removed are large and we are only proposing to replant small conifers which only grow about maybe a foot a year, there will be significant impacts in the shade of the stream during the next few decades. It looks like they are only proposing a very small patch of fast growing willow, which likely won't offset shade impacts if they are clearing trees in all of the areas they are replanting. So, we need some solutions for the loss of shade. Are they ok with leaving some of the trees nearest to the stream that are contributing the most to the shade? Is placing some of the trees in the creek as a means for shade (like we did at adjacent Ski Acres-maybe work with the owners there if they control the creek area)?

Thanks,

Scott

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Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2023 10:56 AM

To: Downes, Scott G (DFW) <Scott.Downes@dfw.wa.gov>

Subject: FW: RU-22-00005 Kostanich - Transmittal of Comments

External Email

Scott,

Please see the most updated version of the Kostanich Mitigation Plan attached and Mr. Kostanich's e-mail below. Please let me know if you have any comments on the mitigation plan by June 14, 2023. Thanks.

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From: Trevor Kostanich <trevorkostanich@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2023 10:12 AM

To: Jeremiah Cromie <jeremiah.cromie@co.kittitas.wa.us>

Cc: Ed Sewall <esewall@sewallwc.com>; Jamey Ayling <jamey.ayling@co.kittitas.wa.us>

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Jeremiah,

Attached is the latest mitigation plan. Please note:

1. We changed the monitoring duration to 10 years hoping we can reduce that timeline with positive results after the first few years.
2. We added new willow plantings.

3. We've increased the new conifer tree plantings from 12 to 25. We're unsure how many trees will be removed with our current estimate at 12. We plan to replace at least as many as we need to cut.

Trevor

On Tue, May 30, 2023 at 8:36 AM Trevor Kostanich <trevorkostanich@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Jeremiah,

I was under the impression Ed was sending over our latest plan last week (while I was out of communications working on Mt. Baker). I just heard he is still waiting on his graphics team but plans to send that over to you asap.

Best,
Trevor

On Thu, May 11, 2023 at 2:33 PM Jeremiah Cromie <jeremiah.cromie@co.kittitas.wa.us> wrote:

Trevor and Ed,

Please see the latest response from WDFW about the revised mitigation plan attached to this e-mail. Please let me know if you have any response by **5pm May 26, 2023**. I'm guessing the removal of tree knowledge is likely a bit harder until the snow melts but please let me know as soon as possible on that matter. Also, another reminder, Kittitas County Code [17A.01.100\(2\)\(d\)](#) requires a 10 year monitoring plan at this current time which I did not see reflected in the mitigation plan (will likely change to less years requirement when able to update critical areas code once court case is over).

Let me know if you have any questions.

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From: Trevor Kostanich <trevorkostanich@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, May 5, 2023 2:33 PM

To: Jeremiah Cromie <jeremiah.cromie@co.kittitas.wa.us>

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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> 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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From: Ed Sewall <esewall@sewallwc.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 8:46 AM

To: Jeremiah Cromie <jeremiah.cromie@co.kittitas.wa.us>

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Jeremiah, attached is the Kostanich mitigation plan.
Ed Sewall

From: Jeremiah Cromie <jeremiah.cromie@co.kittitas.wa.us>
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 10:24 AM
To: Ed Sewall <esewall@sewallwc.com>; 'Trevor Kostanich' <trevorkostanich@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: RU-22-00005 Kostanich - Transmittal of Comments

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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From: Jeremiah Cromie
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2023 3:40 PM
To: 'Ed Sewall' <esewall@sewallwc.com>; 'Trevor Kostanich' <trevorkostanich@gmail.com>
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Thanks for the update Ed.

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To: Jeremiah Cromie <jeremiah.cromie@co.kittitas.wa.us>; 'Trevor Kostanich' <trevorkostanich@gmail.com>
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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

From: Jeremiah Cromie <jeremiah.cromie@co.kittitas.wa.us>
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2023 3:16 PM
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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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From: Trevor Kostanich <trevorkostanich@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, December 26, 2022 6:11 AM

To: Jeremiah Cromie <jeremiah.cromie@co.kittitas.wa.us>

Cc: Ed Sewall <esewall@sewallwc.com>

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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> 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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