



July 2, 2024

**DEPARTMENT OF
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Chace Pedersen
Kittitas County Community Development Services
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RE: Johnson Ag Utility Barn

Dear Mx. Pedersen:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed project on parcel(s) 145133 in Section 16, T. 17 N., Range 17 E., W.M.; Kittitas County.

Based on remote review of this parcel(s) it appears that some or all of the parcel(s) consist of forestland, and it will require a Forest Practices Application (FPA) from the DNR if merchantable timber is removed/harvested as part of the proposal and/or is being converted out of forest land (RCW 76.09 and WAC 222). The FPA would need to meet the requirements of the Forest Practices Act and its rules. It is our recommendation that the applicant meet with our local forest practices forester to discuss, they may call our Southeast Region office at (509) 925-8510 to schedule an appointment.

If there are questions regarding our comments, please contact our Region Forest Practices office at the number above.

Sincerely,

Amanda Moody

Amanda Moody
Forest Practices Program Coordinator
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From: [Jessica Lally](#)
To: [Chace Pedersen](#)
Cc: [Hanson, Sydney \(DAHP\)](#); [Corrine Camuso](#); [Casey Barney](#)
Subject: Re: SE-24-00021 Johnson Ag Utility Building - Notice of Application
Date: Tuesday, July 2, 2024 12:21:47 PM
Attachments: [SE-24-00021 Johnson Ag Utility Building - Notices - NOA Memo.pdf](#)
[SE-24-00021 Johnson Ag Utility Building - Application - SEPA Checklist.pdf](#)

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Hi Chace,

This location is high probability for encountering cultural resources. Yakama Nation CRP is requesting survey.

Jessica Lally
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From: Chace Pedersen <chace.pedersen@co.kittitas.wa.us>
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Hello Chase

The Snoqualmie Indian Tribes Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation have no current comments regarding the above-mentioned project.

Thank you.

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From: [Rich Elliott](#)
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Subject: RE: [Ext] SE-24-00021 Johnson Ag Utility Building - Notice of Application
Date: Wednesday, July 3, 2024 4:37:22 PM

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I am responding on behalf of KVFR:

1. The building will need to be provided with access that is compliant with current Appendix D – IFC.
2. The building's designated use will drive any sprinkler, alarm, fire-resistive construction requirements.
3. Owner shall purchase KVFR Knox key box and install per FD direction. Owner will provide access keys for Knox Box.
4. If there is a gated access to the property, a separate Knox box or gate activation will be required.
5. Hazardous materials storage will comply with current IFC and IBC.
6. Water supply requirements shall be met by owner prior to occupancy.
7. The building will comply with current WUI code.

Rich Elliott – Deputy Fire Chief
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From: [Mau, Russell E \(DOH\)](#)
To: [Chace Pedersen](#)
Cc: [Smits, Brenda M \(DOH\)](#); [Melissa Schumaier](#)
Subject: RE: SE-24-00021 Johnson Ag Utility Building - Notice of Application
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Chace:

The Department of Health (DOH) Office of Drinking Water (ODW) has reviewed the application and has the following comment:

1. The additional structure that may connect to the existing well does not meet the definition of a public water system – only a second connection, only 3 total persons with access to the water, and same 3 persons as live on-site. So there is no additional water usage.

Thanks,

Russell E. Mau, PhD, PE
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To Protect and Promote the Health and the Environment of the People of Kittitas County

July 5, 2024

Chace Pederson
Kittitas County Community Development Services
411 N. Ruby Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Dear Chace,

Public Health has no comment for the SEPA application: SE-24-00021 Johnson Ag Utility Barn.
So long as everything that was submitted in the application is true.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Suggs".

Dan Suggs, B.S
Environmental Health Specialist II



From: [Connor Armi](#)
To: [Chace Pedersen](#)
Cc: [Guy Moura](#); [Hanson, Sydney \(DAHP\)](#)
Subject: Re: SE-24-00021 Johnson Ag Utility Building - Notice of Application
Date: Monday, July 8, 2024 12:05:15 PM

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Hello Chace,

The proposed project falls outside the CTCR's traditional territory. Any cultural concerns we may have will be adequately addressed by the interest and concerns of other interested Tribes.

Sincerely,

Connor Armi | **Archaeologist Senior MA, RPA**

History/Archaeology Program

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On Tue, Jul 2, 2024 at 10:40 AM Chace Pedersen <chace.pedersen@co.kittitas.wa.us> wrote:

Good morning,

CDS is requesting comments on the following SEPA application: **SE-24-00021 Johnson Ag Utility Barn**. Links to the file materials can be found below. Kittitas County anticipates issuing a DNS for this project application and is using the optional SEPA process. This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of this project.

The comment period will end **July 18, 2024, at 5pm**. CDS will assume your agency does not wish to provide comment if not received by this date. Please contact me directly with any questions or issues accessing the materials.

Public Access: [SE-24-00021 Johnson Ag Utility Barn](#)

From: [Ken Edwards](#)
To: [Chace Pedersen](#)
Subject: RE: SE-24-00021 Johnson Ag Utility Building - Notice of Application
Date: Monday, July 15, 2024 7:35:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Chace,

Kittitas PUD does not have any comments on this project.

Thanks,

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KITTITAS COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Staff
FROM: Public Works Plan Review Team
DATE: July 18th, 2024
SUBJECT: SE-24-00021 Johnson Ag Utility Building

ACCESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. An approved access permit shall be required from the Kittitas County Department of Public Works prior to creating any new driveway access or altering an existing access. Refer to Chapter 12 of the Kittitas County Code for access requirements.2. Maintenance of driveway approaches shall be the responsibility of the owner whose property they serve. The County will not maintain accesses. <p>In addition to the above-mentioned conditions, all applicable Kittitas County Road Standards apply to this proposal. Access is not guaranteed to any existing or created parcel on this application.</p>
ENGINEERING	Except as exempted in KCC 14.05.060, no grading or filling upon a site involving more than one hundred (100) cubic yards shall be performed without a grading permit from the County Engineer or Public Works designee (KCC 14.05.050). An application for grading in excess of five hundred (500) cubic yards shall be accompanied by an engineered grading plan (KCC 14.05.080). (CP)
SURVEY	The provided documents included in the application do not adequately identify the West boundary of the subject parcel. From the information provided, it appears that the proposed barn may encroach or trespass on the parcel to the West. If the applicant does not wish to provide this information as part of the application, a Land Surveyor shall be utilized for the building layout and confirm it falls within the setback area of the subject parcel. (JT)
TRANSPORTATION CONCURRENCY	No Comments.
FLOOD	<p>Most of this property is located within the 100-year floodplain and floodway. All construction, including structures that are exempt from a building permit, must follow the guidelines within KCC 14.08.</p> <p>The floodway is highly restricted, and any development must demonstrate no rise in the level of the 100-year flood before being permitted. No new or substantially improved residential structures are allowed within the floodway.</p>

	<p>All of the proposed development must be located outside the floodway and a certified survey of the parcel showing the location of the floodway is necessary to establish that the building will not encroach upon the floodway.</p> <p>Please call the Kittitas County Public Works at (509)962-7523 to discuss this project and permitting requirements. (SC)</p>
WATER MITIGATION/ METERING	Per KCC 13.35.027 all new uses of ground water require mitigation and metering. Proof of mitigation is required prior to applying for a building permit. (SC)
AIRPORT	N/A

Please contact Kittitas County Public Works (509) 962-7523 with any questions.



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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

Central Region Office

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July 16, 2024

Chace Pedersen
Kittitas County Community Development Services
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Ellensburg, WA 98926

RE: 202402833, SE-24-00021

Dear Chace Pedersen:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Application for the Johnson Ag Utility Building. We have reviewed the application and have the following comment.

Water Quality Program

Project with Potential to Discharge Off-Site

If your project anticipates disturbing ground with the potential for stormwater discharge off-site, the NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit is recommended. This permit requires that the SEPA checklist fully disclose anticipated activities including building, road construction and utility placements. Obtaining a permit may take 38-60 days.

The permit requires that a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (Erosion Sediment Control Plan) shall be prepared and implemented for all permitted construction sites. These control measures must be able to prevent soil from being carried into surface water and storm drains by stormwater runoff. Permit coverage and erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading, or construction.

In the event that an unpermitted Stormwater discharge does occur off-site, it is a violation of Chapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution Control and is subject to enforcement action.

More information on the stormwater program may be found on Ecology's stormwater website at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/>. Please submit an

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application or contact **Wendy Neet** at the Dept. of Ecology, (509) 571-6733. or wnee461@ecy.wa.gov with questions about this permit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amber Johnson".

Amber Johnson

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July 18, 2024

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RE: 202402833, SE-24-00021

Dear Chace Pederson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the SEPA for the Johnson Ag Utility Building. We have reviewed the application and have the following comments.

Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

There is some confusion around the use of the structure. The application defines the structure as an "ag utility" building, however some of the application materials identify the structure as a "barn-style residence." The application states that a shoreline exemption will be attained to satisfy the requirements of the Kittitas County SMP, our concern is that this structure does not qualify for an exemption and may require a Shoreline Substantial Development (SDP) instead depending on the use of the building. In section 8 of the SEPA checklist it states that the site does not include working farmlands. Being neither working farmlands nor a Single Family Residence we need clarification as to what exemption this structure qualifies for.

The property is located in the Rural Conservancy shoreline designation which has a buffer of 100' to the Creek. We also have concern that the site plan does not show the existing access to the construction site, nor other required information do determine if work in the buffer will be necessary to modify the existing access for construction of the new structure. If so, this work may trigger the need for additional shoreline review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chelsea Wilson".

Chelsea Wilson
Shoreline Planner
Central Region Office

Chase Pederson
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Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program



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SUBJECT: WDFW COMMENTS ON SE-24-00021 JOHNSON AG UTILITY BUILDING

Dear Mr. Pedersen,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Johnson Ag Utility Building proposal near Manastash Creek. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is familiar with this property and nearby critical areas that should be considered as part of this review and determination process. We offer the following information for consideration to ensure all the critical areas on and around the property are identified and protected, consistent with Kittitas County Code 17A. WDFW appreciates the County's commitment to helping us achieve our mission to preserve and protect fish, wildlife, and their habitats throughout Kittitas County.

We appreciate the reports, studies and information provided with the application materials by the applicant. This information was helpful in our review. In addition to the materials provided, WDFW staff have visited this property and adjacent properties prior in recent years. We have observed a very active beaver colony that is creating habitat and potentially altering the location of Manastash Creek and its side channels. The presence of an active beaver colony was not reflected in the channel migration study or site photos. We provide this information as it will likely alter the flow regimes over time and should be considered for all future developments, including new buildings and infrastructure.

Some of the photos and information provided show that there are talus slopes and/or cliffs present near the proposed building site. Talus slopes and cliffs are priority habitats within WDFW's Priority Habitats and Species (PHS) program and warrant further consideration for how they will be protected and/or mitigated for with construction of the building that appears to be cut into the slope. This parcel and surrounding properties are also recognized as important mule deer winter range, another PHS listing. WDFW requests that all critical areas in the project area be identified and evaluated for the need for a habitat management and/or habitat mitigation plan.

Manastash Creek has been a priority for restoration of salmon and steelhead and there are many success stories. All the fish passage barriers have been removed and the irrigation diversions are

properly screened for the protection of fish life. Chinook and coho salmon can be found in this reach of Manastash Creek as well as federally threatened Mid-Columbia Steelhead. It is critical to the recovery of salmon and steelhead that these investments are protected and enhanced where possible. WDFW also wants to ensure that any work over, near, or in Manastash Creek is only completed after a Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) permit has been secured from WDFW.

WDFW appreciates the efforts that have already occurred to identify the Geologically Hazardous Areas (GHA) such as the Channel Migration Zone and steep slopes. We did not see information provided about frequently flooded areas or other critical areas such as Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas, Wetlands, or Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas (FWHCA). We would welcome the opportunity to have a site visit with the applicants and/or County to better understand the potential risks or benefits to all critical areas, particularly the FWHCAs.

We understand how the overlapping critical areas in this area may be overwhelming. We are committed to working cooperatively to help this project move forward while ensuring the proper identification and protection of the critical areas present. We would welcome the opportunity to visit the site with the proponents to better understand the proposal and discuss avoidance and mitigation strategies for the FWHCAs. Thank you again for the opportunity to comment and please let me know if there are any questions or comments we can answer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Nelson".

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