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"Building Partnerships – Building Communities"

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals: [\[help\]](#)

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

APPLICATION FEES:

\$600.00 Kittitas County Community Development Services (KCCDS)**

\$950.00* Kittitas County Department of Public Works**

\$275.00 Kittitas County Public Health

\$1,825.00 Total fees due for this application (One check made payable to KCCDS)

*2 hours of review included in Public Works Fee. Additional review hours will be billed at \$243 per hour.

** Note:KCCDS and PW fees are waived if project is a VSP sponsored fish enhancement project

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This proposal requests Kittitas County to change the land use designation of the subject properties from Rural Working to Rural Residential lands along with the appropriate zoning of Ag-5. The legal descriptions are contained in Exhibit 1. This proposal would allow for rural residential uses allowed under the Ag-5 zoning. The total acreage is 127.52 acres.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist. [\[help\]](#)

See Exhibit 1 for Vicinity & Parcel Map, & topographic map.
Section 32 & 33 Township 18North Range 19 East W. M.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS [\[help\]](#)

1. Earth [\[help\]](#)

a. General description of the site: [\[help\]](#)

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other _____

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? [\[help\]](#)

Estimated at 1%

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils. [\[help\]](#)

Rocky (numerous rock bars) with shallow topsoil.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

No.

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill. [\[help\]](#)

None as this is a non project action and is only requesting a land use designation and rezone change.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No as this is a land use designation and rezone change request.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? [\[help\]](#)

None.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None.

2. Air [\[help\]](#)

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#)

This is a land use designation and rezone change therefore a non-project action and no impact will occur as part of this request.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None needed.

3. Water [\[help\]](#)

a. Surface Water:

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into. [\[help\]](#)

None on the property, although Naneum creek is at the far eastern edge a may come onto the property. The Cascade Canal is on the southern boundary of this proposal.

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans. [\[help\]](#)

No.

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material. [\[help\]](#)

This is a non project action therefore this doesn't not apply.

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

KRD water currently serves the subject properties.

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. [\[help\]](#)

At the far eastern edge is the 100-yr floodplain associated with Naneum Creek.

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge. [\[help\]](#)

No, as this is a non project action requesting a land use map and rezone change.

b. Ground Water:

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#)

No, as this is a non project action requesting a land use map and rezone change only.

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve. [\[help\]](#)

None.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

This is a non project action request so there will be no changes to the current conditions of the property.

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No.

- 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

No.,

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None.

4. Plants [\[help\]](#)

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site: [\[help\]](#)

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
 evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
 shrubs
 grass
 pasture
 crop or grain
 Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
 wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
 water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
 other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? [\[help\]](#)

None.

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

None that we know.

1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how: [\[help\]](#)

No. If anything the continued small acreage development surrounding this land, creating an island, has eliminated the possibility of the continued operations of a working farm.

c. Describe any structures on the site. [\[help\]](#)

None.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? [\[help\]](#)

None.

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? [\[help\]](#)

Agricultural 20 Zoning.

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? [\[help\]](#)

Rural Working Land Use

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify. [\[help\]](#)

No.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? [\[help\]](#)

None.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? [\[help\]](#)

None.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None.

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: [\[help\]](#)

This proposal meets the proposed Comprehensive Planning designation of Rural Residential and proposed zoning designation of Ag-5 which are consistent with the existing and surrounding uses in the vicinity.

- m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None.

9. Housing [\[help\]](#)

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [\[help\]](#)

None.

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [\[help\]](#)

None.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None.

10. Aesthetics [\[help\]](#)

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? [\[help\]](#)

There are no proposed or existing structures on site.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? [\[help\]](#)

None.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None.

11. Light and Glare [\[help\]](#)

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? [\[help\]](#)

There is no lighting proposed as this is a non project action.

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? [\[help\]](#)

No.

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? [\[help\]](#)

No.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

No.

12. Recreation [\[help\]](#)

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? [\[help\]](#)

City nature park on Judge Ronald Road is less than a mile away.

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

No.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None

13. Historic and cultural preservation [\[help\]](#)

a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe. [\[help\]](#)

None that we know of.

b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources. [\[help\]](#)

None that we know of.

c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc. [\[help\]](#)

None as this is a non project action.

d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required. [\[help\]](#)

None.

14. Transportation [\[help\]](#)

a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. [\[help\]](#)

This is a non project action. The subject property is served by Wilson Creek Road, Mission View Drive and Game Farm Road.

b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? [\[help\]](#)

No.

c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate? [\[help\]](#)

None.

d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). [\[help\]](#)

None.

e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No.

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates? [\[help\]](#)

This is a non project action there is no vehicle trips generated or increased at this time.

g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None.

15. Public Services [\[help\]](#)

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No, as this is a non project action.

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. [\[help\]](#)

None.

16. Utilities [\[help\]](#)

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: [\[help\]](#)
electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,
other _____

Power, phone and data to the subject parcels.

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. [\[help\]](#)

No utilities will be needed at this time as this is a non project action. The subject parcels are served by a group a water system and water rights.

C. Signature [\[help\]](#)

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: Andrew J. Schmidt
Name of signee ANDREW J. Schmidt
Position and Agency/Organization Member
Date Submitted: 6-23-22

D. supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [\[help\]](#)

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

This proposal is for a comprehensive plan map & zone change and in itself is not authorizing any construction or activities that would be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production; storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or the production of noise. Projecting into the future, items like these will be taken into consideration by the appropriate jurisdiction if uses are proposed triggering review.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

None at this time.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

This proposal is for a comprehensive plan map & zone change and in itself is not authorizing any construction activities that would be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life. Projecting into future items like these will be taken into consideration by the appropriate jurisdiction if uses are proposed triggering review.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

None.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

This proposal is for a comprehensive plan map & zone change and is not authorizing any construction activities that would be likely to deplete energy or natural resources. Projecting into the future items like these will be taken into consideration by the appropriate jurisdiction if uses are proposed triggering review.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

None.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

This proposal is for a comprehensive plan map & zone change and is not authorizing any construction activities that would be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild & scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands. Projecting into the future items like these will be taken into consideration by the appropriate jurisdiction if uses are proposed triggering review.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

None.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

This proposal is for a comprehensive plan map & zoning change and is not authorizing any construction activities that would likely to affect land and shoreline uses, including whether or it would allow for or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans. Projecting into the future items like these will be taken into consideration by the appropriate jurisdiction if uses are proposed triggering review.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

None.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

This proposal is for a comprehensive plan map and zone change and is not authorizing any construction activities that would be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services or utilities. Projecting into the future items like these will be taken into consideration by the appropriate jurisdiction if uses are proposed triggering review.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

None.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

This proposal is for a comprehensive plan map & zone change and in itself is not authorizing any construction or activities that would be likely to conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment. Projecting into the future items like these will be taken into consideration by the appropriate jurisdiction if uses are proposed triggering review.