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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2015 3:47 PM  
**To:** Jeff Watson  
**Cc:** Renfrow, Brent D (DFW)  
**Subject:** FW: Notice of Application CU-14-00003 Osprey Solar Farm  
**Attachments:** CU-14-00003 Osprey Solar Farm Notice of Application.pdf; CU-14-00003 Osprey Solar Farm SEPA Checklist Compressed.pdf; CU-14-00003 Osprey Solar Farm Shoreline Substantial Development Application Compressed.pdf; CU-14-00003 Osprey Solar Farm Application.pdf

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Jeff,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. WDFW's major concerns with this proposal surround the protection of Dry Creek, it's riparian buffer, and the ditch that functions as a side channel of Dry Creek. Salmon, steelhead, and other resident fishes are present in Dry Creek. A functional riparian buffer is essential to maintaining habitat for these important species. In the submitted materials, we found reference to proposed buffers of 70 feet and 50 feet on Dry Creek. We are not certain which is correct, but would advocate for the larger buffer. Additionally, we'd like some sort of assurances that tall trees in the buffer will not be cut or removed if they shade the solar panels. We also want to ensure that there will be no future proposals for flood protection structures beyond what currently exist onsite to protect the new infrastructure.

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#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION:

Conditional Use Permit: CU-14-00003 Osprey Solar Farm  
SEPA Checklist Required for Conditional Use Permit (Optional Process under WAC 197-11-155<<http://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=197-11-355>>)  
Shoreline Substantial Development Permit: SD-14-00002

Kittitas County Community Development Services will accept comments through 5:00 pm Thursday, February 19, 2015 with respect to any of the above applications.

Kittitas County has received the above referenced Applications and SEPA Checklist for a project; see attached. The County expects to issue a Determination of Non Significance (DNS) for this proposal, and will use the optional DNS process, meaning this may be the only opportunity for the public and other agencies to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposal. Mitigation measures may be required under applicable codes, such as Title 17 Zoning, Title 17A Critical Areas, and the Fire Code, and the project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures regardless of whether an EIS is prepared. A copy of the threshold determination may be obtained from the County. Agencies within the county network may

review the application master file via the above internal link or through EDEN. Agencies outside of the county network can use the above external link to view a static copy of the Master File for this project as of today's date. As the project progresses ongoing and individual documentation may be found **HERE**<<http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/cds/land-use/project-details.aspx?title=Conditional%20Use%20Permits&project=CU-14-00003+Osprey+Solar+Farm>>. Comments within the body of an email are encouraged, but may be submitted as attachments or hardcopy to:

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