



## KITTITAS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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"Building Partnerships – Building Communities"

December 10, 2024

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### **RE: Public Works Reecer Creek SEPA Checklist (SE-24-00034) – Deemed Complete**

Legal Description: The portion of the SW1/4 SE1/4 of Section 28, T. 18 N., R. 18 E. WM. lying southwesterly of the Burlington Northern Railroad right-of-way, and that portion of the NW1/4 SE1/4 of said section describes as follows: Commencing at the southwest corner of said NW1/4 SE1/4 thence east 300 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; thence east 850 feet, more or less, to the Burlington Northern Railroad right-of-way; thence northwesterly 1,030 feet, more or less, along said right-of-way; thence southwesterly 720 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; and that portion of the SW1/4 SW1/4 of said section lying east of Desmond Rd.

Dear Applicant,

Kittitas County Community Development Services received a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist on November 6, 2024, to propose to complete a water right change on S4-83608-J. The proposed change would (1) fallow up to 56 acres and (2) transfer the consumptive use portion of the water right to instream flow and mitigation for enrollment in the State's Trust Water Right Program (TWRP).

Once the water right is in the TWRP, the Applicant will make the water available through market re-allocation to mitigate out of priority water use. This water right could be allocated through the County's existing mitigation bank or potentially be allocated to an existing Group A Water System through the Kittitas County bank.

CDS has reviewed your submitted materials and has determined that the application submittal packet is complete as of December 10, 2024.

Continued processing of your application will include, but is not limited to, the following actions:

1. A Notice of Application will be published in the newspaper and sent to all adjoining property owners, governmental agencies, and interested persons. This includes a 15-day comment period.
2. Consideration of written comments from all adjoining property owners, governmental agencies, and interested persons.
3. A SEPA decision will be issued based upon comments received, and the proposal's consistency with Kittitas County Title 15, along with any other applicable codes and statutes.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I can be reached by e-mail at [bradley.gasawski@co.kittitas.wa.us](mailto:bradley.gasawski@co.kittitas.wa.us) or phone at 509-962-7539.

Sincerely,

Bradley Gasawski

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