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"Building Partnerships – Building Communities"

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice of Application: December 12, 2024
Application Received: November 6, 2024
Deemed Complete: December 10, 2024

Project Name (File Number): Public Works Reecer Creek (SE-24-00034)

Applicant: Arden Thomas, Kittitas County Public Works

Location: The subject properties legal descriptions is 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 SE1/4 of said section lying east of Desmond Rd in Kittitas County.

Proposal: Arden Thomas is proposing a change that 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.

Materials Available for Review: The complete SEPA Checklist and application file may be viewed at Kittitas County Community Development Services, 411 N. Ruby St. Suite 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926 during regular business hours. The file can also be viewed online at <https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/cds/land-use/default.aspx> navigating to "State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)," then to the application number "SE-24-00034 Public Works Reecer Creek".

Written Comments from the public may be submitted to the Kittitas County Community Development Services no later than **December 27, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**, after which a SEPA threshold determination will be issued pursuant to 43.21C RCW (State Environmental Policy Act). A Determination of Non-Significance is expected to be issued using the Optional DNS Process under WAC 197-11-355. This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of this proposal. A copy of this subsequent threshold determination will be available to the public upon request.

Required Permits: SEPA

Designated Permit Coordinator (staff contact): Bradley Gasawski (509) 962-7539; email at bradley.gasawski@co.kittitas.wa.us.