



KITTITAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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PROJECT NARRATIVE

KCSAR EOC
XXXX Airport Rd
Cle Elum, WA 98922

Kittitas County is constructing a regional facility housing search and rescue (SAR) along with an emergency operations center (EOC). The new facility creates the first county EOC and relocates the existing SAR facility from Ellensburg to Cle Elum, WA. Ninety percent of all rescues call to the upper county (Cle Elum area). The relocated facility reduces response time and saves money which increases first responders ability to saving lives. The Teanaway and Cle Elum Ridge areas represent two of the highest fire danger areas in the county as recognized by Washington Department of Natural Resources and United States Department of Agriculture (US Forest Service). Locating the EOC in Cle Elum affords increased operational efficiencies during fire fighting operations.

The project is located on parcel # 962113 near MP 1.23 Airport Rd, Cle Elum, WA 98922. The parcel is zoned for Planned Mixed Use (PMU). Typical daily operations will have 1-2 employees on-site. During active search and rescue activities and/or trainings there may be up to 40 people on-site for a short time period. Property to the north is owned by City of Cle Elum and is the location of Cle Elum Airport. The property to the east is owned by DNR and is the location for training and housing of wildfire specialists. The property to the west and south are zoned agriculture and rural residential. Current access is from the airport access road that runs through the property. The City of Cle Elum has an easement through the parcel owned by Kittitas County Public Works. Another access will be created off Airport Rd.

There will be two phases for the project. The first phase will be the clearing and grubbing, grading, storm drainage systems, septic system, and well installation, along with the design for future buildout. The second phase will include construction of buildings and parking lots.