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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

DATE: June 11, 2024
TO: SEPA Reviewing Agencies, Applicant, and Adjoining Property Owners
FROM: City of Cle Elum, Planning Department
APPLICANT: Kittitas County Public Works
FILE NUMBER: SEPA-2024-003, PMU-2024-002, CA-2024-001, SDR-2024-002
LOCATION: Airport Road, Cle Elum, WA
TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 962113
DATE OF APPLICATION: April 26, 2024
DATE OF COMPLETENESS: June 7, 2024

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Proposal to construct a regional facility for search and rescue (SAR) along with an emergency operations center (EOC) in the City of Cle Elum in the Planned Mixed Use zoning district. 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. The project will be constructed over two phases with the first phase being clearing and grading, the installation of storm drainage systems, septic system, and well installation. The second phase will include construction of buildings and parking lots.

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: This is to notify agencies with jurisdiction and environmental expertise and the public that the City of Cle Elum, Planning Division, has been established as the lead agency, under WAC 197-11-928 for this project. The City of Cle Elum has reviewed the proposed project for probable adverse environmental impacts and expects to issue a Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance (MDNS) per WAC 197-11-355. The optional DNS process is being used and this may be your only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposal. The proposal may include mitigation measures under applicable codes and the project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures regardless of whether an EIS is prepared. A copy of the subsequent threshold determination may be obtained by request and may be appealed pursuant to CEMC 14.30.230.

Required Permits: The following local, state, and federal permits/approvals may or will be needed for this project: Building Permit, Stormwater Permit, Critical Areas Permit

Required Studies: N/A

Existing Environmental Documents: Aquatics Resources Summary, August 18, 2023

Development Regulations for Project Mitigation and Consistency Include: the State Environmental Policy Act, the Cle Elum Urban Area Zoning Ordinance, and the Cle Elum Urban Area Comprehensive Plan.

REQUEST FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS: Agencies, tribes, and the public are encouraged to review and comment on the proposed project and its probable environmental impacts. There is a 15-day comment period for this review. All written comments received by 4:30 p.m. on **June 26, 2024** will be considered prior to issuing the final SEPA determination. This proposal requires a Public Hearing which will be scheduled at a later date. Please reference file numbers (SEPA-2024-003) and applicant's project name (Kittitas County Public Works) in any correspondence you submit. You can mail or submit your comments to:

**City of Cle Elum, Attention: Planning Department/Kittitas County Public Works
119 West First Street, Cle Elum, WA 98922**

NOTICE OF DECISION A copy of the SEPA threshold determination and Notice of Public Hearing will be mailed to parties of record and entities who were provided this notice once it is rendered.

The file containing the complete application is available for public review at the City of Cle Elum, 119 W First Street, Cle Elum, WA 98922. If you have any questions on this proposal, please contact Colleda Monick, Planning Consultant at (509) 864-1976, or email to: planning@cleelum.gov

Enclosed: Narrative, Critical Areas Application, SEPA Checklist, Aquatics Resources Summary, Site Plan