

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. Background [\[HELP\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: **Ring Lake Estates**
2. Name of applicant: **SynTier Engineering Inc.**
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

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Tom Stirling and Jordan Collins
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4. Date checklist prepared:

October 23, 2024

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Medical Lake

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

To be determined at a later date.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

No

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

Wetland Delineation has been performed and Mitigation Report will be prepared.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

No

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

Critical Areas Permit, Planned Unit Development approval from City of Medical Lake, and Construction Stormwater General Permit from DOE.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

This is a plat subdividing 31.2+/- acres into 106 single-family lots.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you

are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

Parcel # 14192.0002

**Located: Southeast of and adjacent to Lake Shore Lake Tyler Road
Section 19, Township 24N., Range 41E., W.M.**

Legal Description:

19-24-41 City of Medical Lake; Lots 1&5 of Medical Lake Tracts lying South and East of Highway 902

Legal Description taken from Spokane County Assessor information.

B. Environmental Elements [\[HELP\]](#)

1. Earth [\[help\]](#)

a. General description of the site:

(circle one): **Flat**, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other _____

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

16%

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

Cocolalla ashy silt loam, 0 to 3 % slopes

Rockly-Fourmound complex, 0 to 15 % slopes

Northstar-Rock outcrop-Rockly complex, 0 to 15 % slopes

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

None

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

On-site grading and leveling are expected to create roadway, sidewalk and building lots for the proposed residential subdivision. The amount will be known better after the development plans are completed.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

Yes, during the clearing and earthwork operations wind erosion and water erosion could occur until ground cover and vegetation has stabilized the soil. The expected

erosion will occur during and after excavation and fill operations, especially after rainfall and during windy days.

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

Approximately 33 % will be covered by impervious surfaces including buildings, driveways, asphalt roadways, and sidewalks.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

All disturbed areas will be seeded as soon as practical. Construction will be restricted to dry weather periods and disturbed areas will be watered during windy periods to reduce wind erosion. As needed, silt fences, hay bales, and other applicable BMP's such as sedimentation ponds, seeding, and mulching, etc. will be installed.

2. Air [\[help\]](#)

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

During earth moving operations and windy periods, temporary dust is expected unless the disturbed areas are watered. In addition, temporary emissions from construction equipment are also expected.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

Vehicles using the neighboring highway will generate emissions.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

These measures would be to water disturbed areas during windy periods, to seed all disturbed areas as soon as possible, and to specify construction equipment to reduce exhaust emissions.

3. Water [\[help\]](#)

- a. Surface Water: [\[help\]](#)

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

Yes 5 wetlands (category 1, 2, and 3) are present on site.

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

Yes, work will be performed in and near the delineated wetlands. One wetland will be removed in its entirety, a wetland mitigation report will be prepared.

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

Wetland 5, as identified in the wetland delineation report, will be removed in its entirety and will be mitigated on site. Exact numbers and location will be identified within the wetland mitigation report.

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Wetland 5, as identified in the wetland delineation report, will be removed in its entirety and will be mitigated on site. Exact numbers and location will be identified within the wetland mitigation report.

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

No

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

The detention and treatment facilities will discharge into wetlands located at various parts of the site.

b. Ground Water: [\[help\]](#)

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

There will be no discharge to groundwater. The future dwelling units to be built within the proposal area will be supplied with domestic water from the City's system.

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

None, the project will be served by the City sewer system.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

The stormwater will be collected into combination detention and treatment ponds and will discharge into existing wetlands after treatment.

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

Waste materials would only enter the ground or surface waters through an accidental or deliberate spill.

- 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

Drainage patterns will be changed on-site to accommodate for the stormwater detention and treatment systems and will discharge into wetlands.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

Planting and seeding and/or mulching of disturbed surfaces and other construction and post-construction erosion control measures (BMP's) will reduce surface runoff during and after construction. Lawns and landscaping will reduce surface erosion and runoff within the proposed project as lots are built on.

4. **Plants** [\[help\]](#)

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
 evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
 shrubs
 grass
 pasture
 crop or grain
 Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
 wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
 water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
 other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

In developed areas all natural vegetation will be removed during construction.

- c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

Spalding's Catchfly

- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

A wetland mitigation report will be submitted as well as ensuring that the disturbed areas are re-vegetated with permanent lawns or other permanent ground cover and shrubs and trees.

- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

None

5. Animals [\[help\]](#)

- a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include:

birds: **hawk**, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
mammals: **deer**, bear, elk, beaver, other: **coyotes**
fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other _____

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

Monarch Butterfly and Yellow-billed cuckoo

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

No

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

None

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

None

6. Energy and Natural Resources [\[help\]](#)

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

During the earthmoving and construction of improvements, petroleum fuels will be used in the construction equipment. During the construction of homes, electrical energy will be used. Future homes will utilize electrical energy and natural gas. Street lighting will consume electrical energy.

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

No

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

None at this time.

7. Environmental Health [\[help\]](#)

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

The proposal will not create any environmental hazards. However, improper actions by equipment operators and maintenance personnel with respect to petroleum products could cause hazards. Improper actions by future residents of the subdivision could cause hazards with respect to household and petroleum products as well as lawn fertilizers and chemicals.

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

None

- 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

None

- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

None

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

None, City resources are sufficient.

- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

All current standards and regulations will be complied with and only approved equipment and materials will be used.

b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

Under present conditions, the only noises which exist at the proposal site are those of the vehicular traffic of the neighboring highway.

- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)?

Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

Construction equipment will operate between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm and the noise will be temporarily high (55 to 90 dBA) during the site development and construction of future homes. Urban noises will be long-term after the construction period is over. This will be primarily from traffic and outdoor activities (traffic noise, 50 dBA: lawn mower, 96 dBA).

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

Current rules, standards and regulations will be met. Future homes will help reduce the distance which any noise will travel.

8. Land and Shoreline Use [\[help\]](#)

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

The current use of the site is vacant land with sporadic residences to the south and east. This proposal will change the use to residential.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

No

1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

No

c. Describe any structures on the site.

None

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

Not applicable

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

R-1

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

Single Family Residential

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

N/A

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

Yes, the wetlands have been classified as a critical area.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

Assuming 2.5 people per dwelling unit, approximately 265 people will reside within the project.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

None

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

Not applicable

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

The "R1" zoning of the site is compatible with the existing comprehensive plan.

- I. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

None

9. Housing [\[help\]](#)

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

There will be 106 lots for single-family residences with pricing aimed at the middle range housing market.

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

None

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

Not applicable

10. Aesthetics [\[help\]](#)

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

The building heights and external building materials will adhere to zoning code restrictions.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

None

- f. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

None at this time.

11. Light and Glare [\[help\]](#)

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

Street lights, vehicle head lights and homes will produce light from within the proposal during the evening. Glare will be produced from lights and sunlight reflecting from windows. This will occur at any time of the day (sunlight during the daylight hours and artificial light during the night time).

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

Not likely

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

None

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

All current regulations will be complied with.

12. Recreation [\[help\]](#)

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

Hallett Elementary School is to the northeast of the project, Rienking Field and the Medical Lake High Softball Fields are located to the north, Medical Lake, Medical Lake Public Boat Launch, and Medical Lake Waterfront Park are located to the west on the other side of Highway 902.

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

No

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

None at this time.

13. Historic and cultural preservation [\[help\]](#)

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers ? If so, specifically describe.

No

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

No

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

None

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

None

14. Transportation [\[help\]](#)

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

The site will be accessed from Highway 902 by way of South Green Gate Lane. There will be a secondary emergency ingress/egress access easement along the existing gravel road to the highway at the southwest end of the site.

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

The closest public transit stops are approximately 1.5 miles south at the Lakeland Village and approximately 0.5 miles to the north at the Medical Lake Center.

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

The required parking will be provided on the individual lots with the private driveways and garages.

- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

The existing Green Gate Lane gravel road will be re-built as a paved road. There will be new roads built within the development as well.

- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

No

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

There are 106 single-family lots within the project that will generate 1,000 trips per day (per Single-Family House (210) in the ITE Trip Generation Manual 11th Edition). Using the ITE manual, 74 total peak hour AM trips were estimated with 19 of those trips entering the site and 55 leaving. 100 total peak hour PM trips were estimated with 63 trips entering and 37 leaving.

- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

No

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

None

15. Public Services [\[help\]](#)

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

None

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

None

16. Utilities [\[help\]](#)

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:

electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,
other _____

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

On-site sewer lift stations will be installed with force main connections to the city sewer system. Both sewer and water will be extended to the site through a city owned property north of the site and will connect to the existing systems located near the intersection of South Lake Drive, South Jefferson Street, and Highway 902.

C. Signature [\[HELP\]](#)

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

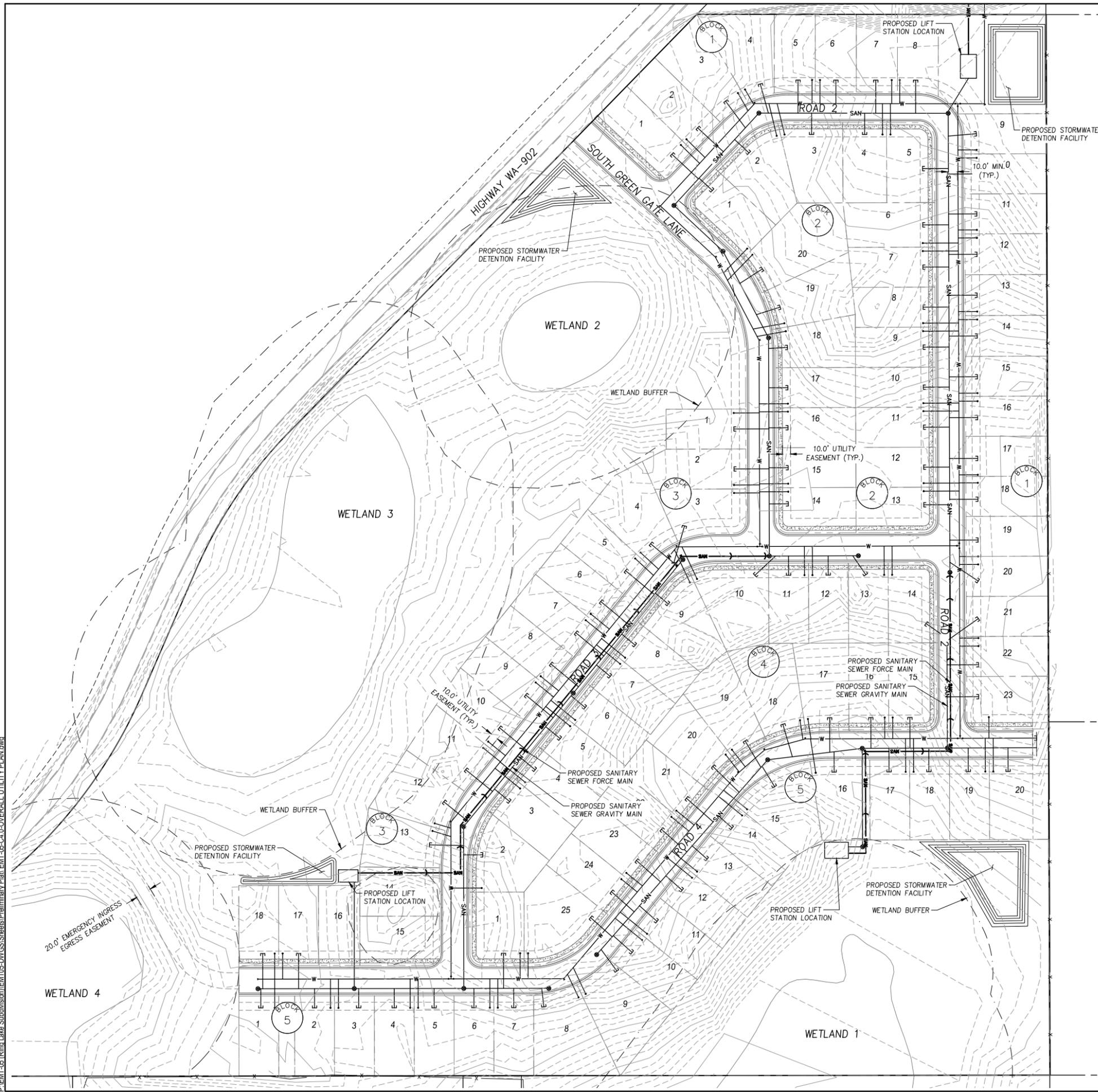
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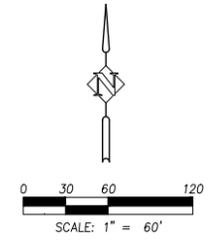
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Date Submitted: 12/12/2024

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SEE SHEET C4.1 FOR SEWER AND WATER ROUTING NORTH OF SITE



LEGEND

- PROPOSED GRAVITY SANITARY SEWER
- PROPOSED PRESSURE SANITARY SEWER
- PROPOSED WATER

OVERALL UTILITY PLAN
RING LAKE ESTATES PRELIMINARY PLAT
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In Reply Refer To:
Project Code: 2025-0009896
Project Name: Ring Lake Subdivision

10/23/2024 16:02:28 UTC

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2) (c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological

evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

<https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/endangered-species-consultation-handbook.pdf>

Migratory Birds: In addition to responsibilities to protect threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), there are additional responsibilities under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) to protect native birds from project-related impacts. Any activity, intentional or unintentional, resulting in take of migratory birds, including eagles, is prohibited unless otherwise permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)). For more information regarding these Acts, see <https://www.fws.gov/program/migratory-bird-permit/what-we-do>.

The MBTA has no provision for allowing take of migratory birds that may be unintentionally killed or injured by otherwise lawful activities. It is the responsibility of the project proponent to comply with these Acts by identifying potential impacts to migratory birds and eagles within applicable NEPA documents (when there is a federal nexus) or a Bird/Eagle Conservation Plan (when there is no federal nexus). Proponents should implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize the production of project-related stressors or minimize the exposure of birds and their resources to the project-related stressors. For more information on avian stressors and recommended conservation measures, see <https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/threats-birds>.

In addition to MBTA and BGEPA, Executive Order 13186: *Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds*, obligates all Federal agencies that engage in or authorize activities that might affect migratory birds, to minimize those effects and encourage conservation measures that will improve bird populations. Executive Order 13186 provides for the protection of both migratory birds and migratory bird habitat. For information regarding the implementation of Executive Order 13186, please visit <https://www.fws.gov/partner/council-conservation-migratory-birds>.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Code in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List

OFFICIAL SPECIES LIST

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Code: 2025-0009896
Project Name: Ring Lake Subdivision
Project Type: Residential Construction
Project Description: Residential Subdivision
Project Location:

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/@47.56377125,-117.68477677519161,14z>



Counties: Spokane County, Washington

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SPECIES

There is a total of 3 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

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1. [NOAA Fisheries](#), also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

BIRDS

NAME	STATUS
Yellow-billed Cuckoo <i>Coccyzus americanus</i> Population: Western U.S. DPS There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3911	Threatened

INSECTS

NAME	STATUS
Monarch Butterfly <i>Danaus plexippus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743	Candidate

FLOWERING PLANTS

NAME	STATUS
Spalding's Catchfly <i>Silene spaldingii</i> There is proposed critical habitat for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3681	Threatened

CRITICAL HABITATS

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO DETERMINE IF YOUR PROJECT(S) MAY HAVE EFFECTS ON ALL ABOVE LISTED SPECIES.

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