

#### WASHINGTON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

# State Environmental Policy Act Determination of Non-significance

Date of Issuance: April 15, 2024

Project Name: Mount Spokane State Park Surface Lift

Lead Agency: Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

**Description of Proposal:** The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) in partnership with Mount Spokane 2000, proposes to add a 1,300' surface lift at the existing Half Hitch run. Work includes adding two new lift towers with clearance for the groomers, and an ability to haul skiers and snowboards on the snow via a poma chair (similar to a T-bar or rope tow). A lift tower and lift operator building will be established at the top and bottom of the lift facility. The addition of the short 1,300' surface lift will eliminate all the lift line traffic from the terrain park. It will provide a lift specific for terrain park users who will no longer need to return to the ski base area to get access back to the terrain park.

**Location of Proposal:** Mount State Park is located at 26107 N. Mount Spokane Park Drive, Mead, WA 99021. The project is located in Section 15 of Township 28 North, Range 45 East Willamette Meridian.

Threshold Determination: After reviewing the completed environmental checklist, the lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact to the environment, nor does it need mitigation to avoid significant adverse environmental impacts. The nature of the improvements, as described in the checklist, will not result in any lasting impacts to waterways, native habitat, or species. The project occurs in an established ski area and will better support ski operations for both Mount Spokane 2000 and visitors. Best Management Practices (BMPs) such as silt fencing, have been incorporated into the design to provide protection from incidental or unanticipated impacts such as sediment run-off.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact to the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after reviewing a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available at: <a href="https://parks.wa.gov/about/strategic-planning-projects-public-input/sepa-review-current-projects">https://parks.wa.gov/about/strategic-planning-projects-public-input/sepa-review-current-projects</a>

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal until the comment period has closed. Comments must be submitted by <u>April 29, 2024</u> or they may not be considered.

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There is no agency SEPA appeal; however, all comments are welcome and will be thoroughly considered.

### **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 <u>Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions (Part D)</u>. 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 Find help answering background questions

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Mount Spokane State Park- MS2000- Half Hitch Ski Run- Surface Lift

2. Name of applicant:

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (WSPRC)

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

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4. Date checklist prepared:

December 2023

5. Agency requesting checklist:

Washington State Parks.

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

Summer 2024

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

None

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

Cultural resources review and tribal consultation by State Parks Cultural staff.

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.

None Known

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

Government approvals and permits that may be required for the proposal, include, but are not limited to the following:

- ✓ SEPA Compliance
- ✓ Archaeological Clearance-WSPRC
- 11. Give a 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.)

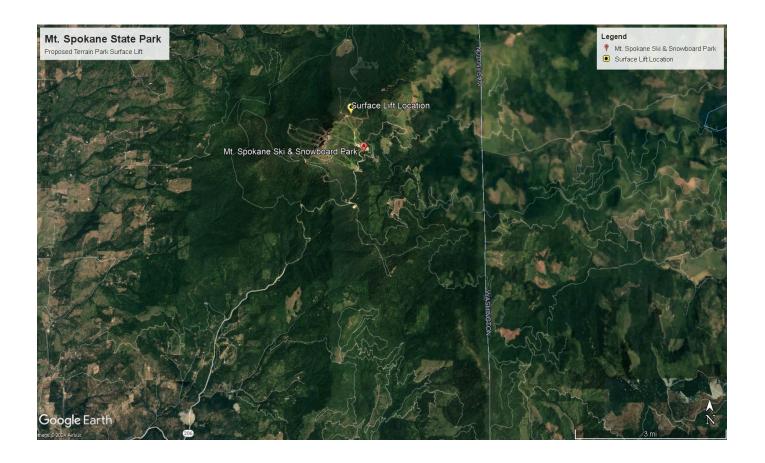
MS 2000 proposes to add a 1,300' surface lift at Half Hitch run. Work includes adding lift towers (2) and cable with clearance for the groomers, and an ability to haul skiers and snowboards on the snow via a poma chair (similar to a T-bar or rope tow). MS2000 will fund project. MS2000 will perform the labor and will use a mini excavator for construction and installation. Project elements include:

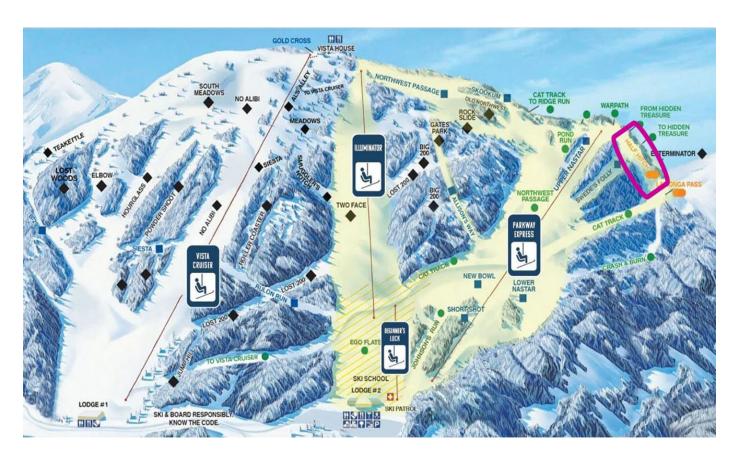
- -Foundation piers (2) for the towers will go into the ground and there will be an anchor at the top and bottom. Each foundation pier is 5' wide x 10' long x 30" deep.
- -A lift operator building will be located at the top and bottom. The operator building will be  $6' \times 6'$  and will be placed on concrete blocks to minimize ground disturbance.
- -Power for the lift facility will be extended from an existing transformer at top of chair lift (Parkway express/#3). Electricians will place a subpanel box and extend power, 3 phase 480v AC, in 2" conduit buried 18" deep.

Mt. Spokane 2000 has established a world class terrain park with over 30 features. The addition of the short 1,300' surface lift, will eliminate all the lift line traffic from the terrain park. It will provide a lift specific for terrain park users who will no longer need to return to the ski base area to get access back to the terrain park.

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.

Mount Spokane State Park is located approximately 22 miles northeast of the city of Spokane on State Highway 206 at: 26107 N. Mount Spokane Park Dr., Mead, WA 99021. The proposed project will occur within the developed ski area, Section 15, T28N, R45E.W.M.





#### **B. Environmental Elements**

- 1. Earth Find help answering earth questions
- a. General description of the site:

Mount Spokane is mountainous terrain. The culvert is located on a hillside.

Circle or highlight one: Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes mountainous, other:

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

Approximately 30 percent slope

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.

Vaywood medial silt loam, 15 to 30 percent slopes (USDA-NRCS Web Soil Survey 12/2023).

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

No.

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.

Approximately 45 cubic yards of soil will be displaced for installation of the lift towers. The operator building will be placed on blocks to minimize ground disturbance.

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

Yes, soil exposed during grading work could erode during a rain event due to the slope of the land.

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

The new operator buildings (top and bottom) will cover approximately 36 sqft each and the lift tower bases (2) will cover approximately 50 sqft each.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any.
  - ✓ Preserve natural vegetation to the greatest extent practicable.
  - ✓ Equipment will be operated only from the established roadbed.

#### 2. Air Find help answering air questions

- 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.
- -Expect minimal dust emissions during construction as soil is manipulated.
- -Expect minor exhaust from construction equipment during construction activities.

When the project is complete there should be no further emissions to the air.

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

None

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

Motorized equipment will meet required emission standards and will be turned off when not in use.

- 3. Water Find help answering water questions
- a. Surface Water: Find help answering surface water questions
- 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.

No.

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.

No.

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.

N/A.

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

N/A.

5. Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note the 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.
No. Best management practices to prevent runoff will be followed during construction.

**b. Ground Water:** Find help answering ground water questions

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 a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

No

2. Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (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.

No

- c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):
- 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.

N/A.

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

No

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

No.

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

None. No impacts anticipated.

- **4. Plants** Find help answering plants questions
- a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:
   ☐ deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
  - ⋈ evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

<u>∟</u> pasture	
□ crop or grain	
☐ orchards, vineyards, or other permanent crops.	
$\overline{\ }$ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other	
uater plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other	
□ other types of vegetation	

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

It may be necessary to remove a small amount of hillside, herbaceous vegetation where the new towers and the operator buildings will be installed.

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

The US Fish and Wildlife Service lists one threatened species as possibly occurring in wetlands within the park. This is Ute ladies'- tresses. The proposed action will not take place near any wetlands. No state listed species occur on or near the site (WDFW PHS data 12/2023).

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

None proposed.

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

None known.

- **5. Animals** Find help answering animal questions
- a. List any birds and other animals that have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

#### **Examples include:**

- Birds: <u>hawk</u>, heron, <u>eagle</u>, <u>songbirds</u>, other:
- Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other: moose
- Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:
- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife "Priority Habitats and Species Program" indicates the Wolverine, *Gulo gulo*, a state and federal listed candidate, occurring within Mount Spokane State Park. The proposed action will take place within the established ski area boundaries and should have no additional impact on this species (WDFW- PHS and SASI data 12/2023).

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

Yes, Pacific Flyway. Also, Northern white-tailed deer, *Odocoilius virginianus*, Moose, *Alces alces*, and Rock Mountain Elk, *Cervus elaphus nelson*, migrate within and through the park (WDFW PHS data 12/2023).

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

Work will be completed within the existing developed ski area only. No ski area expansion proposed.

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

None known.

#### **6. Energy and Natural Resources** Find help answering energy and natural resource questions

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.

None

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 proposed.

#### 7. Environmental Health Find help with answering environmental health questions

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

Yes. Construction equipment could spill or leak petroleum products.

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

None known.

 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 known.

b. 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

c. Describe special emergency services that might be required.

In the unlikely event of a vehicle leak, Ecology's spill response unit would be properly notified.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.

Equipment will be inspected daily to maintain proper working conditions.

#### b. Noise

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

None

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)?

Noise associated with construction activities includes short-term noise from heavy machinery. The project will be short in duration, 1 week or less, and machinery will be operated during daylight hours.

3. Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any.

Construction will occur during normal park operating hours.

#### 8. Land and Shoreline Use Find help answering land and shoreline use questions

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 hillside terrain is used as recreation by hikers, horse-back riders, and mountain bikers in the summer months. In the winter months, the terrain is used for skiing. The terrain is included within the established concessionaire ski area. The project site includes skiable terrain accessed via the Parkway Express chairlift. Adjacent properties are used for residences, open space, and recreation.

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 because 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?

None

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.

Existing structures include the Parkway Express chairlift that provides access to the Half Hitch Terrain Park.

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

No.

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

**Rural Conservation** 

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

**Rural Conservation** 

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.

Mount Spokane is listed as a Priority Habitat for Elk and Moose.

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

None

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

None

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

N/A

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

The project is limited to the addition of lift infrastructure to support the existing ski area operation, specifically the Half Hitch Terrain Park.

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

No impacts to agricultural and forest lands anticipated. No trees will need to be removed. The proposed construction area is cleared of vegetation and presently used as a ski run/terrain park.

- 9. Housing Find help answering housing questions
- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

None

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

None

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

None

- 10. Aesthetics Find help answering aesthetics questions
- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

Approximately 30' tall lift tower.

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

None

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any.

None

- **11. Light and Glare** Find help answering light and glare questions
- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

None

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

No

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.

None

#### 12. Recreation Find help answering recreation questions

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

Park roads and trails are used mainly during the summer months by hikers, bicyclists, and horseback riders. Many park roads and trails are maintained for snowmobiles and cross-country skier use during the winter months. The open slopes operate as a ski area Mount Spokane Ski Resort in the winter months.

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

The hillside terrain may be temporarily closed to recreational use during the summer months due to construction activities.

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

None

## 13. Historic and Cultural Preservation Find help answering historic and cultural preservation questions

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.

The project is within an area that has been identified as significant by the Spokane Tribe, and they hold the knowledge of this location.

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.

The project was reviewed by Sarah Dubois, State Parks Archaeologist, and Alex McMurray, Historic Preservation Planner. The project is subject to Best Practices review, RCW 27.53. A background review of the historic maps, LiDAR, and records on DAHP's online record system

WISAARD were completed in addition to tribal consultation. An onsite meeting with the Spokane Tribe THPO will be held in the spring after the snow melts.

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.

The area is part of the developed ski runs at the Mount Spokane Ski & Snowboard Park. At this time there are no plans to change the project, unless the Tribes request changes to the project.

In the event that ground disturbing or other construction activities result in the inadvertent discovery of archaeological resources, work will cease in the immediate area and contact will be made with the project administrative personnel. Work should be halted until such times as appropriate consultation and any further investigations are concluded. In the unlikely event of the inadvertent discovery of human remains, work will cease in the discovery area, the remains covered and secured against further disturbance, and communication established with Sarah Dubois, State Parks Archaeologist, at (360) 972-5884.

#### 14. Transportation Find help with answering transportation questions

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.

State Route 206 is the primary road access to the park. Mount Spokane State Park Drive provides access to secondary roads (including Kit Carson Loop Road), trails, and features within the park.

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?

No. The nearest transit stop is approximately 20 miles southwest in Spokane.

c. 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).

No

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

No

e. 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?

The project will not generate any additional vehicular trips to the area. The new pommel lift is within the existing limits of the developed ski area. It will not invite additional users but rather provide a better experience for the existing recreational users.

f. 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

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

None

#### 15. Public Services Find help answering public service questions

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.

No

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

None

#### 16. Utilities Find help answering utilities questions

- 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.

None

### C. Signature Find help about who should sign

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.

X
SEPA Responsible Offical

Type name of signee: Maryellen Haggard

Position and agency/organization: Environmental Planner

Date submitted: 3/18/2024

## **D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions** Find help for the nonproject actions worksheet

IT IS NOT REQUIRED to use this section for project actions.

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

- 1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?
  - Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:
- 2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?
  - Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:
- 3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?
  - Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:
- 4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection, such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?
  - Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:
- 5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

- Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:
- 6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?
  - Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:
- 7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.