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Notice of Application & Optional DNS Distribution List SEP2015-00020 and SHR2015-00003

Date of Issuance: April 1, 2015

Please review this Notice of Application and Optional SEPA Determination. If you have further comments, questions or would like a copy of the SEPA environmental checklist, phone the responsible official at (360) 676-6907. Please submit your response by the comment date noted on the attached notice.

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Notice of Application and Optional SEPA DNS

File Number:	SHR2015-00003 & SEP2015-00020
Parcel Number:	390436065473 - 390436175418
Project Name:	Lemley Driveway
Applicant:	Paul and Bev Lemley
Date Submitted:	March 18, 2015
Notice of Completeness Date:	March 18, 2015
Notice of Application Date:	April 1, 2015
Comments Due Date:	May 1, 2015
Project Description:	Extinguish existing access and install new driveway to serve Deming Speedway
Site Address:	4605 Deming Road

Environmental Review: Whatcom County Planning and Development Services has reviewed the proposed project for probable adverse impacts and expects to issue a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for this project. The Optional DNS process described in WAC 197-11-355 is being used. **This may be your only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposed project.**

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 for the specific proposal may be obtained upon request.

Required Permits: Shoreline Substantial Development

Existing Environmental Documents: SEPA Checklist

Sincerely,

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J.E. "Sam" Ryan Director

Whatcom County has accepted an application to develop land that is within 1,000 feet of your property. Since the proposal is close to your property and the proposal may affect you, your property, or your neighborhood, the County is sending you this notice for you to review. Please see the reverse side of this letter to read details of the proposal.

The file and supporting documents may be reviewed at Whatcom County Planning and Development Services, 5280 Northwest Drive, Bellingham, WA, 98226. The County invites you to comment on this proposal. **Written comments must be received by May 1, 2015**.

You may also ask any questions that you have regarding the proposal or review process, or if you have difficulty reading the notice, you may contact the project planner, Andrew Hicks at (360) 676-6907 or by email at ahicks@whatcomcounty.us. You have the right to receive notice of and participate in any hearings, request a copy of the decision once made, and to appeal a decision when allowed by law.

The final decision on this proposal may be appealed according to the County appeal provisions specified in Title 23.

If you wish to receive notice of any hearings you must notify the Hearing Examiner's office in **writing** at 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 105, Bellingham, WA. 98225, or by **phone** at (360) 676-6794 or in **person** at 1000 North Forest, Suite 100, Bellingham, WA 98225 within 15 days of the notice of application. Notices of public hearings are mailed to Interested Parties three weeks prior to the hearing date.

		Comment Form	
Project Name: Case File Number:	Lemley Driveway SHR2015-00003 SEP2015-00020		
Name and Address:			
Comments (attach a	additional sheets if	necessary):	
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WHATCOM COUNTY NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A SHORELINE SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AND INTENT TO ISSUE A SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

Notice is hereby given that Paul and Bev Lemley has submitted an application for a Shoreline Substantial Development (SHR2015-00003 & SEP2015-00020) on March The application is for the extinguishing of an existing access and installation of a new driveway from 4541 Deming Rd. to 4605 Deming Rd that will serve Deming Speedway. A determination that all submitted requirements were met was issued on March 18, 2015. The project site is located at 4605 Deming Rd., Within Section 39, Township 36N, Range 04 East W.M.; Assessor's Parcel No: 390436065473- 390436175418. The project will be reviewed under the Official Whatcom County Zoning Ordinance and Shoreline Management Program, Mitigation may be required pursuant to these ordinances. Whatcom County Planning and Development Services has reviewed the proposal for probable adverse impacts and expects to issue a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for the project pursuant to the Optional DNS process per WAC 197-11-355. The file and supporting documents may be viewed at the Whatcom County Planning and Development Services office at 5280 Northwest Drive, Bellingham, WA. Any person may submit written comments to Andrew Hicks, Technical Administrator, Whatcom County Planning and Development Services, 5280 Northwest Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226 within 30-days of the publication of this notice. Any person has the right to receive notice of and participate in any hearings, request a copy of the decision once made, and to appeal a decision when allowed by law. Any person wishing to receive personal notice of any hearings must notify the Hearings Examiner's office, 1000 N. Forest St., Bellingham, WA 98225, within 30 days of the notice of application.

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SEP 2015 - 00020

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 <u>all parts of your proposal</u>, 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.

Use of Checklist for Non-Project Proposals:

For non-project proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the <u>Supplemental Sheet for Non-project Actions (Part C)</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

1	Name of proposed project, if applicable: Driveway from 4541 Deming Rd. to 4605 Deming Rd.
2	Name of applicant: Paul & Bev Lemley Applicant phone number: (360) 592-5025 Applicant address: 4601 Denning Rd. City, State, Zip or Postal Code: Everson, WA 98247
3	Contact name: Paul Lemley Contact phone number: (360) 393-0197 Contact address: 4601 Demine Rd. City, State, Zip or Postal Code: Everson, WA 98347
4	Date checklist prepared: 10 25 14
5	Agency requesting checklist: Walcom County DS
6	Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):
7	Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? Yes No X If yes, explain:
8	List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal:
9	Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? Yes No XIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII

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

Shopeline Permit wet Land Study

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.) Male a driveway from one driveway from one driveway from one driveway Railvard.

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.

4541 Deming Rd & 4605 Deming Rd. 390436 065473 / 390436 175418

B Environmental Elements

- 1 Earth
 - a. General description of the site:

Flat
Rolling
Hilly
Steep Slopes
Mountainous
Other

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate 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.
- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? Yes No No If so, describe.

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

Indicate source of fill.

Cowden

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? Yes No

If so, generally describe.

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

0%

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

NIA

2. Air

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation and maintenance when the project is completed (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, or industrial wood smoke)? None If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? No 📉 If so, generally describe. c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, 3. Water a. Surface: 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)? Yes If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

(2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200

If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

Yes

feet) the described waters?

	(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.
	(4)	Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Yes No
		Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.
		Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? Yes No If so, note location on the site plan.
	(5)	Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? Yes No No Signature of waste and anticipated volume of discharge
b.	Gro	ound Water:
	(1)	Will ground water be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? Yes No
		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.

- (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 houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.
- 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? Yes No If so, describe.

(2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? Yes No If so, generally describe.

- (3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site: Yes No. No. If so, describe.
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:

4	Plants
	a. Check 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 Blackberries b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? Blackberry bushes. c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site. None d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:
5.	e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. None

	Mammals: Deer, Elk, Other:
	Fish: Bass, Herring, Shellfish; Other:
b.	List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site. None
c.	Is the site part of a migration route? Yes No XI If so, explain.
d.	Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: N
e.	List any invasive species known to be on or near site. \mathcal{N}
En	ergy and Natural Resources
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.
b.	Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? Yes No
	If so, generally describe.

6.

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:

7. Environmental Health

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?

Yes

No

If so, describe.

- (1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.
- (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.
- (3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the projects development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.
- (4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.
- (5) Proposed measure to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

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.

Short-term Traffic

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

Done

- 8 Land and Shoreline Use
 - a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? Yes No If so, describe.

b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? Yes X No I If so, describe.

How much agriculture or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any?

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If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to non-farm or non-forest 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? Yes No
	If so, how:
c.	Describe any structures on the site.
	Done
d.	Will any structures be demolished? Yes No No If so, what?
0	What is the current zoning classification of the site?
С.	Agricultural
f.	What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? Driveway to adjecent property
g.	If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? $\square \square A$
h.	Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or
	county? Yes No No Signature No
i.	Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed
	project? NA
j.	Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

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

NIA

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

NIA

m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any?

NA

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

High
Middle
Low-income

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

High
Middle
Low-income

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

NA

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

NIA

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

NA

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

NIA

11 Light and Glare

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

NIA

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

NIA

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

NA

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

NA

12 Recreation

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

race track

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

NIA

13 Historic and Cultural Preservation

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 located on or near the site? Yes No If so, specifically describe.

b	. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian, historic use or occupation, this may include human burials or old cemeteries? Yes No Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Yes No Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.
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.
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.
14 7	ransportation
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 plan, if any.
b	Is site or geographic area currently served by public transit? Yes No I If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

NIA

d.	Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? Yes No No Streets, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).
e.	Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) Water, Rail, or Air transportation? If so, generally describe.
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 non-passenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates? No increase of vehicular trips.
g.	Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: $\mathbb{N} \setminus \mathbb{A}$
15 Pc	ublic Services
a.	Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? Yes No If so, generally describe.
b.	Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

16 Utilities

a. Check utilities currently available at the site:

Electricity,
Water,
Telephone,
Septic system,

Natural gas,
Refuse service,
Sanitary sewer,

NIA

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

Signature

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.

Signature:

Date Submitted:_____

C Supplemental Sheet for Non-project Actions

(It is not necessary to use this sheet 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?

No impact

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

NIA

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

No impact

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

NIA

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

NIA

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

N/A

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?

No Impact

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

NIA

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?

NIA

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

NIA

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

No Impact

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

NIA

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

NIA