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Please review this determination. If you have further comments, questions or would like a copy of the SEPA checklist, phone the responsible official at (360) 778-5900. Please submit your response by the comment date noted on the attached notice of determination.

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SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS)

File: SEP2018-00016

Project Description:

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Proponent: BP West Coast Products LLC c/o Jackie Bourgault

Address and Parcel #: 7039 Jackson Road Blaine APN# 395101486192

Lead Agency: Whatcom County Planning & Development Services

Zoning: R5A Rural 1 Unit/5 Acres **Comp Plan:** Rural

Shoreline Jurisdiction: N/A

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that with proper mitigation, no significant adverse environmental impacts are likely. Pursuant to RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c), an environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required. This decision was made following review of a completed SEPA environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this DNS.

☒ Pursuant to WAC 197-11-340(2), the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issuance indicated below. Comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. on April 5, 2018 and should be sent to: Thomas Brissenden, tbrissen@whatcomcounty.us

Responsible Official: Mark Personius, mpersoni@whatcomcounty.us

Title: Director

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Signature: _____

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MP", is written over a horizontal line.

An aggrieved agency or person may appeal this determination to the Whatcom County Hearing Examiner. Application for appeal must be filed on a form provided by and submitted to the Whatcom County Current Planning Division located at 5280 Northwest Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226, during the ten days following the comment period, concluding April 16, 2018.

You should be prepared to make a specific factual objection. Contact Whatcom County Current Planning Division for information about the procedures for SEPA appeals.

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Legal Notice**

To be published one time only on: **March 22, 2018**

CHARGE TO: Whatcom County Planning & Development Services
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Acct #451232

**WHATCOM COUNTY GIVES PUBLIC NOTICE THAT THE FOLLOWING SEPA
THRESHOLD DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) HAS BEEN
ISSUED TODAY SUBJECT TO THE 14 DAY COMMENT PERIOD
CONCLUDING ON, April 5, 2018.**

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ANY PERSON OR AGENCY MAY APPEAL THE COUNTY'S COMPLIANCE WITH WAC 197-11 BY FILING AN APPEAL WITH THE WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES LOCATED AT 5280 NORTHWEST DRIVE, BELLINGHAM, WA 98226. APPEALS MUST BE MADE WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE END OF THE COMMENT PERIOD.

SEPA Environmental Checklist

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: Jackson Road Church Demolition Site Fill
2. Name of applicant: BP West Coast Products, LLC
Applicant phone number: (360) 371-1500
Applicant address: 4519 Grandview Road
City, State, Zip or Postal Code: Blaine, WA 98230
Applicant Email address: _____
3. Contact name: Jackie Bourgault
Contact phone number: (360) 526-3346
Contact address: 4519 Grandview Road
City, State, Zip or Postal Code: Blaine, WA 98230
Contact Email address: Jackie.Bourgault@bp.com
4. Date checklist prepared: February 16, 2018
5. Agency requesting checklist: Whatcom County Planning and Development Services (PDS)
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

It is anticipated that fill activities would commence in February/March 2018 (pending receipt of applicable permits and authorizations).
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, explain.

Not applicable.
8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal:

The following documents were previously submitted to Whatcom County PDS and Whatcom County Public Works for review and approval of demolition permit, COM2017-00144:

- Demolition/Stormwater Control Plan (WRS, December 2017)
- Stormwater Site Plan, Jackson Road Church Building Demolition (Cascade Engineering Group, January 2018)

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9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, explain.

No applications are pending for proposals that would affect the proposed fill site.

A Whatcom County PDS demolition permit (COM2017-00144) was issued on February 9, 2018 for demolition of the former Birch Bay Bible Community Church (Jackson Road church). (Note: SEPA was not required for building demolition as the original church construction predated enactment of the Washington State Environmental Policy Act.)

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

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- Land Disturbance Permit
- SEPA Determination

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.)

Approximately 1,500 cubic yards of clean earth materials and gravel will be imported to backfill the footprint of the Jackson Road church demolition site (refer to COM2017-00144). The total fill quantity noted in the demolition permit application, 2,000 cubic yards, includes approximately 1,500 cubic yards of imported fill and approximately 500 cubic yards of crushed concrete from the demolished structure that will be backfilled on-site. No fill will be placed outside the footprint of existing developed areas.

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.

The project site is located within Section 1, Township 39, Range 1 West, W.M.; Whatcom County Assessor parcel number 395101-486192. More specifically, the 10,000 square-foot project site is situated on a 4.68-acre parcel west of Jackson Road at 7039 Jackson Road, Blaine, WA 98230.

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)?

The project site is located within an existing slope cut that is located in the west 1/3 of the subject parcel. The steepest slope within the project site boundary (excluding the existing cut face) is approximately 25%. It is important to note that the steepest slopes do not exceed approximately 10 feet in height.

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 prime agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey identifies one soil type within the project site, Skipopa-Blainegate complex (soil Unit 149). The Skipopa-Blainegate complex consists of a mixture of silt loam, clay loam, and clay. This soil unit is not a designated Agriculture Protection Overlay (APO) soil under Whatcom County Code (WCC) Section 20.38.040(2) and Whatcom County has not designated the subject parcel as agricultural lands of long-term commercial significance.

Work does not include excavation and export of existing site soils.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity?
Yes ☐ No ☒

If so, describe.

Not applicable.

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

Approximately 1,500 cubic yards of clean earth materials and gravel will be imported to backfill and stabilize the 10,000 square-foot footprint of the demolished church. As previously noted, the total fill quantity referenced in the demolition permit application, 2,000 cubic yards, includes approximately 1,500 cubic yards of clean fill material and approximately 500 cubic yards of crushed concrete from the demolished structure that will be backfilled on-site. No fill will be placed outside the footprint of existing developed areas.

No excavation and export of soils is proposed.

Indicate source of fill.

Fill materials will be obtained from a County-approved supplier.

Indicate where excavation material is going.

Not applicable.

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

If so, generally describe.

Erosion could occur during construction and concurrent heavy rain storms. However, erosion potential will be minimized through implementation of a project-specific construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control (TESC) Best Management Practices (BMPs), and any additional measures required by regulatory agencies. Refer to Section B.1.h of this checklist for additional detail.

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

The project site consists of an existing developed footprint where a former church is in the process of being demolished. Areas directly abutting the project footprint to the west, north, east and southeast consist of existing pavement. The completed fill activities will backfill the existing building footprint and stabilize the site with gravel. No new impervious surfaces will be created.

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

A SWPPP site plan and notes have been prepared for implementation during construction. Refer to figures 3 and 4 in the *Stormwater Site Plan* (Cascade Engineering Group, January 2018) for additional information. The SWPPP identifies suggested TESC BMPs to be employed during project construction.

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, industrial, wood smoke)?

There will be temporary emissions from internal combustion engines powering vehicles and heavy equipment during construction. The completed project will not generate new air emissions.

If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

Construction activities and associated emissions will be temporary and are not expected to differ from similar construction activities in nearby areas. Therefore, no adverse off-site air quality impacts are expected as a result of fill activities.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal?
Yes ☐ No ☒

If so, generally describe.

Not applicable.

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

During fill and grading activities, contractors will take reasonable precautions to minimize dust emissions if present. Reasonable precautions may include, but are not limited to, reducing vehicle speeds, cleaning vehicle undercarriages before exiting the site to prevent track-out of mud or dirt onto paved public roadways, sweeping/vacuuming, and/or other applicable measures to minimize sources of dust.

✓ 3. **Water**

- ✓ a. Surface Water:

- ✓ (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)? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

There are no surface water bodies within or directly adjacent to the project site. Portions of Terrell Creek and associated wetlands are located over 100 feet to the east (on the east side of Jackson Road) and south of the project site.

- ✓ (2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) of the described waters? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

No work will occur in or over surface waters. The proposed fill activities will backfill and stabilize the footprint of an existing developed area that will be disturbed during permitted demolition of the church. Work will occur in an upland location that is effectively disconnected from Terrell Creek and associated wetlands by existing paved parking areas and Jackson Road to the east and southeast.

- ✓ (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.

None.

Indicate the source of fill material.

Not applicable.

- ✓ (4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Yes ☐ No ☒

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

Not applicable.

- (5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? Yes ☐ No ☒

If so, note location on the site plan.

Not applicable.

- (6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? Yes ☐ No ☒

If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

Not applicable.

b. Ground Water:

- (1) Will groundwater 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 ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Not applicable.

- (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.

Not applicable.

c. Water Runoff (including storm water):

- (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?

Surface water runoff from the site flows south through existing lawn and vegetated areas and eventually drains toward Terrell Creek.

Will this water flow into other waters? Yes ☒ No ☐

If so, describe.

The completed project site will continue to surface flow south toward Terrell Creek.

- (2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? Yes ☐ No ☒

If so, generally describe.

Not applicable. The completed project will not generate waste materials could enter ground or surface waters.

- (3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site?
Yes ☐ No ☒

If so, describe.

Not applicable. The existing site drainage pattern will remain the same.

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

As described in Section B.1.h, measures to reduce potential construction stormwater runoff impacts include implementation of a construction SWPPP to ensure compliance with applicable stormwater requirements. The plan provides TESC information, locations where BMPs will be implemented, and requirements that the contractor must follow throughout construction. Spill kits with absorbent materials will also be available on site to address small spills of oil, fuel, hydraulic fluids and other pollutants in the event that they occur.

The Washington Department of Ecology Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington recommends an offsite analysis for projects that add 5,000 square feet or more of new impervious surfaces, convert $\frac{3}{4}$ acre of vegetation to lawn or landscape, or convert 2.5 acres or more of native vegetation to pasture. This project does not make any of these changes. The completed project will backfill and stabilize approximately 10,000 square feet of demolished impervious area with gravel. The proposed activities will not expand the existing developed footprint. No changes to off-site drainage or adjacent lawn/vegetation are anticipated as a result of the completed project. Therefore, no additional measures are proposed.

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

None. Existing landscaping along the perimeter of the church building will have already been removed in association with the permitted demolition activities.

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

There are no known threatened or endangered plant species within or adjacent to the project site.

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

No landscaping is proposed.

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

There are no known noxious weeds or invasive plant species within or adjacent to the project site.

✓ 5. **Animals**

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

Birds:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hawk | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heron |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eagle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Songbirds |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Waterfowl and shorebirds | |

Mammals:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elk | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beaver |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Coyote | |

Fish:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bass | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salmon |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trout | <input type="checkbox"/> Herring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shellfish | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

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

No federally listed threatened or endangered wildlife species or associated habitats are known to occur within or adjacent to the project site.

per WDFW Salmon Report: Bull trout, Winter Steelhead, fall chum
Coho Streams,

- ✓ c. Is the site part of a migration route? Yes ☒ No ☐

If so, explain.

All lands in the Whatcom County lowlands are within the Pacific Migratory Flyway, which is a flight corridor for waterfowl and other avian fauna migration. The Pacific Flyway extends from Alaska to Mexico and South America.

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

No impacts to wildlife or wildlife habitat are anticipated as a result of this project. Therefore, no measures are proposed.

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

There are no known invasive animal species within or adjacent to the project site.

✓ 6. **Energy 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.

The completed project does not require an energy source.

- ✓ b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties?
Yes ☐ No ☒

If so, generally describe.

Not applicable.

- ✓ 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:

Not applicable.

✓ 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.

Minor fuel or oil spills from construction equipment or vehicles could occur during project fill and grading activities. However, it is anticipated that the risk associated with such spills will be relatively low. In the event that a spill was to occur, the potential affects would be minimized and mitigated through implementation of a spill prevention plan and response strategy. Spill response materials will be available for use during site construction.

No environmental health hazards are anticipated as a result of the completed project.

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

There is no known contamination within the project site.

- ✓ (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.

There are no known hazardous conditions that will affect the proposed fill activities.

- ✓ (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.

No toxic or hazardous chemicals will be stored, used or produced on the site.

- ✓ (4) Describe special emergency services that might be required?

No special emergency services will be required for the completed project.

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

The contractor will implement a Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plan during construction. The SPCC Plan will identify appropriate spill containment materials that will be available at the project site at all times. All contractors and personnel will follow approved health, safety and spill prevention/response plans and protocols.

✓ b. **Noise**

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

Existing noise from the surrounding area will not affect the project.

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

Some short-term noise will be generated from equipment use (e.g., dump trucks, small dozer or skid steer, trucks) during fill and grading activities. Construction noise will be temporary and is not expected to be disruptive to adjacent property owners. Noise levels are expected to be typical of other construction projects and are expected to be within the range of current land use activities in the area.

The completed project will not generate noise.

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

Noise associated with the proposed fill activities will be temporary. Therefore, no measures are proposed.

✓ 8. **Land and Shoreline Use**

- ✓ a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

The subject parcel is currently developed and includes two buildings (gym and church), asphalt parking areas, associated walkways, and lawn areas. The existing church is in the process of being demolished, per Whatcom County PDS COM2017-00144.

The subject parcel is bounded by Jackson Road and the BP Brown Road Materials Storage Area (BRMSA) mitigation area to the east, 180 acres of undeveloped forested area (owned by BP) to the north and

west that are subject to a conservation easement that is managed by the Whatcom Land Trust, and undeveloped publicly owned land to the south.

Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? Yes ☐ No ☒

If so, describe.

Not applicable.

✓ b. Has the site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? Yes ☐ No ☒

If so, describe.

Not applicable. The subject parcel has been developed and used as a community church since the 1940s.

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?

None.

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, tiling, and harvesting? Yes ☐ No ☒

If so, how:

Not applicable.

✓ c. Describe any structures on the site.

The only structure within the project site is a 10,000 square foot church that is in the process of being demolished per Whatcom County PDS COM2017-00144. An existing gym is also located on the subject parcel, but it will not be affected by the project proposal.

✓ d. Will any structures be demolished? Yes ☐ No ☒
If so, what?

The church will already be demolished, per Whatcom County PDS COM2017-00144, prior to the proposed fill activities.

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

The subject parcel is zoned Rural, 1 dwelling / 5 acres (R5A).

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

The Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan designation for the site is Rural.

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

Not applicable.

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county?
Yes ☐ No ☒

If so, specify.

The project site consists of an existing building footprint that will be backfilled and stabilized following building demolition. There are no critical areas within the project site.

- 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:

Not applicable.

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

The project is consistent with the applicable R5A zone provisions and Rural land use designation of the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan. No additional measures are proposed.

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

Not applicable. Whatcom County has not designated any agricultural or forest lands of long-term commercial significance in the greater Cherry Point or Birch Bay areas.

9. **Housing**

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

- ☐ High
☐ Middle
☐ Low

Number of Units: None

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

- ☐ High
☐ Middle
☐ Low

Number of Units: **None**

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

Not applicable.

✓ 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?

Not applicable.

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

No views will be altered or obstructed as a result of the project.

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

Not applicable.

✓ 11. **Light and Glare**

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

The completed Project will not produce light or glare.

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

Not applicable.

- ✓ 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:

Not applicable.

✓ 12. **Recreation**

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

Formal public recreational sites within two miles of the project site include Birch Bay State Park and the Whatcom County Point Whitehorn Marine Reserve to the west. Informal recreational opportunities in

the general vicinity include, but are not limited to, a variety of shoreline accesses in the Birch Bay and Cherry Point areas. The *BP Unit Whatcom Wildlife Area* encompasses approximately 1,000 acres of BP-owned land east of the project site. BP has granted an access agreement to WDFW, which allows public hunting and other limited recreational activities. Hunters, bird watchers, and other recreational users access the site from a parking area immediately east of Safsten Road north of Grandview Road.

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

The completed project will not displace any existing recreational uses or opportunities.

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

No recreational impacts are anticipated during construction. Therefore, no measures are proposed.

✓ 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.

Based on review of the publicly available Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) on-line Washington Information System for Architectural & Archaeological Records Data (WISAARD), there are no buildings, structures, or sites located on or near the site that are over 45 years and eligible for listing.

- ✓ 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.

There are no known landmarks, features or other evidence of cultural or historic importance within the project site. No professional studies have been conducted for the proposed fill activities. The DAHP publicly accessible online WISAARD was examined and no records were identified within or near the work 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 DAHP publicly accessible online WISAARD was examined and no records were identified within or near the work location.

- ✓ 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.

No potential impacts to cultural or historic resources on or near the project site are expected as the proposed activities consist of placing fill within a previously developed site. No excavation is proposed.

In the event of an inadvertent discovery, all grading activities within the discovery area would cease, the discovery site would be protected, and the applicable agencies and tribes would be contacted for consultation.

✓ 14. **Transportation**

- ✓ 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.

Public roads serving the project vicinity include:

- Jackson Road to the east (site access)
- Grandview Road to the south
- Bay Road to the north

- ✓ b. Is site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? Yes ☐ No ☒

If so, generally describe.

Not applicable.

If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

According to Whatcom Transit Authority (WTA) route maps, there is no regular public transit service in the Project vicinity. The closest transit service is located approximately 1 mile to the north within the Birch Bay Urban Growth Area.

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

No parking spaces will be added or eliminated.

- ✓ d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? Yes ☐ No ☒

If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

Not applicable.

- ✓ e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of):

- ☐ Water,
☐ Rail, or
☐ Air transportation?

If so, generally describe.

Not applicable. The Project site is not located in the vicinity of water, rail or air transportation facilities and does not require the use or development of such facilities.

- ✓ 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?

The completed project will not generate additional vehicular trips.

- ✓ 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.

The completed project will not affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural or forest products on roads in the surrounding area.

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

Temporary traffic control measures will be implemented during construction, as applicable. The completed project will not require transportation control measures.

✓ 15. **Public 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.

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

✓ 16. **Utilities**

- ✓ a. Check utilities currently available at the site:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electricity | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural gas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Refuse service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary sewer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Septic system | <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

No utilities are required for the completed project.

✓ c. **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.

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