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December 2, 2024

**Notice of Final Determination**  
**“Surface Mining Reclamation Permit #70-013297”**  
**SEPA File No. 24-022801**

The Department of Natural Resources issued a  Determination of Non-significance (DNS),  Mitigated Determination of Non-significance (MDNS),  Modified DNS/MDNS on **[February 28, 2024]** for this proposal under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and WAC 197-11-340(2).

This threshold determination is hereby:

Retained.

Modified. Modifications to this threshold determination include the following:

Withdrawn. This threshold determination has been withdrawn due to the following:

Delayed. A final threshold determination has been delayed due to the following:

Summary of Comments and Responses (if applicable):

See attached sheet for comments and responses.

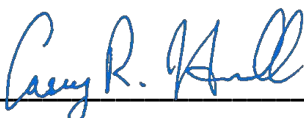
**Responsible Official:** Casey R. Hanell

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**Date:** 12/2/2024

**Signature:** 

There is no DNR administrative SEPA appeal.



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- Comments were received regarding the Department of Ecology (Ecology) Air Quality Permit – this information has been forwarded to the applicant.
- Comments were received regarding the Ecology Sand and Gravel General Permit – this information has been forwarded to the applicant.
- Comments were received regarding withdrawing groundwater – as specified in the SEPA checklist, the applicant proposes to use less than 1,000 gallons per day from an existing onsite well.
- Comments were received regarding aesthetics and land use – Kittitas County Code allows mining within this area, as confirmed by the County on DNR form SM-6. Additionally, the reclamation plan shows that the post-mining use of the proposed permit area is compatible with the long-term land use zoning.
- Comments were received regarding noise – mining is exempt from noise control regulations under Kittitas County Code 9.45 (KCC 9.45.040).
- Comments were received regarding access to the proposed site – the applicant has obtained a commercial access permit through Kittitas County Public Works.
- Comments were received regarding county road use, truck speeds, and a transportation impact analysis (TIA) – the proposed truck use of county roads was reviewed by Kittitas County Public Works who determined that additional analysis through a TIA was not required for this proposal. All vehicles traveling public roads, including those traveling to and from the proposed site, must adhere to posted speed limits.
- Comments were received regarding shrubsteppe priority habitat – a habitat mitigation plan has been approved by the Department of Fish and Wildlife and incorporated into the reclamation plan.
- Comments were received regarding cultural resources – the applicant has completed a cultural resource assessment of the site.
- Other comments were received however they were not specific to the information contained in the SEPA checklist or DNR’s SEPA process, therefore DNR did not prepare responses to them (WAC 197-11-550).