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Re: Million Dollar Mile North Access Redevelopment
File: 23-006

Dear Lisa Wood:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Determination of Nonsignificance regarding the Million Dollar Mile North Access Redevelopment Project (Proponent: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife). After reviewing the documents, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) submits the following comments:

Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program-Floodplains

The Million Dollar Mile North Access Redevelopment project appears to be within the FEMA designated 100-year floodplain. Development, as defined within 44 CFR 59.1, means any manmade change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment or materials. The applicant is responsible for applying for and receiving a Floodplain Development Permit (FDP) from Grant County prior to commencing with development activities.

For more information of technical assistance, please contact Meagan Hayes at (509) 220-2983 or via email at Meagan.Hayes@ecy.wa.gov.

Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program-Wetlands

Section 401 Water Quality Certification may be required from the Department of Ecology in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' permit for this project.

Also, from the information provided, it appears that the proposed project will require one of the following shoreline permits:

- a. substantial development
- b. conditional use
- c. variance

For more information or additional assistance, please contact Matt Fisher at 509-601-9546 or via email at matt.fisher@ecy.wa.gov.

Water Quality Program

Routine inspections and maintenance of all erosion and sediment control Best Management Practices (BMPs) is required during construction.

For more information or technical assistance, please contact Suman Paudel at (509) 601-2124 or via email at suman.paudel@ecy.wa.gov.

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

Ecology bases comments upon information submitted for review. As such, comments made do not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations you may need to obtain, nor legal requirements you may need to fulfill in order to carry out the proposed action. Applicants should remain in touch with their Local Responsible Officials or Planners for additional guidance.

For information on the SEPA Process, please contact Cindy Anderson at (509) 655-1541 or via email at Cindy.Anderson@ecy.wa.gov.

For more guidance on, or to respond to the comments made by Ecology, please contact the appropriate staff listed above at the phone number or email provided.

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