

WAC 197-11-960 Environmental checklist.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

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.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D).

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Blaze Outdoors

2. Name of applicant: Scott Sneer

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

34515 SE 6th St Washougal, WA 98671 (mailing address)

1006 Horseshoe Bend Rd, Centerville, WA 98613 (game farm)

4. Date checklist prepared:

5. Agency requesting checklist: WDFW

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Shooting preserve

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

Sept 2011

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

No

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

N/A

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.

Yes. A conditional use permit will be filed in June with Klickitat County for a Shooting Preserve and other outdoor recreation activities on these properties.

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

None Known

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.)

~~Team~~ ~~and~~ The goal for me is to be able to host bird hunting trips for veterans and youth organizations, ~~and~~ ~~and~~ Also, I would utilize this property for dog training.

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.

NA

This proposal is ~10 miles west of Goldendale, WA, Klickitat County, physical address of 1230 Horseshoe Bend Rd. It lies on parts of sections 14, 15, 22, 23 & 24, township 4, Range 14E, Klickitat County.

It covers approximately 2,070 acres of a 3200 acre ranch in a rural area, bounded by ranch-owned lands and county roads on the south and by mostly ranch-owned and DNR lands on other sides. The northern and eastern edges drop sharply to Little Klickitat Canyon.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

a. General description of the site (circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other

Some steep slopes on north edge

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

100% - cliffs

- 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 farmland.

Shooting preserve is co-located w/ dryland hay & wheat farming.
Soils are heavy clay loams

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

No

- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

N/A

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

No

- 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:

No vehicle traffic allowed except in dry conditions

2. Air

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

No construction, so no construction impacts.
Limited vehicle emissions (avg. 1 veh./day for less than 1 hour)
Very limited dust due to grasses & low vehicle speeds (10 mph max)

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

No.

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

Vehicle speed limited to 10 mph.
Roads planted in grasses.
Heavy use roads are gravel.

3. Water

a. Surface:

- 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. Un-named seasonal streams & 5 seasonal ponds flow into Little Klichitah River. Little Klichitah River flows in deep canyon along N & E edge of property.
- 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 general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.
No
- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note 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

b. Ground:

- 1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give 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 (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.
N/A

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? If so, describe.

N/A

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

No

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

N/A

4. Plants

a. Check or circle 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
- 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?

Some pasture & crop will be replanted to crops better suited for wildlife, ~100 acres total.

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

None known.

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

Various native plants will be planted to enhance bird habitat.

5. Animals

a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

- birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
- fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

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

Western Gray Squirrel

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

No

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

Plantings for wildlife habitat will be made (trees, brush, etc).
Existing Forest Plan addresses Western Gray Squirrel habitat

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.

N/A

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:

N/A

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? If so, describe.

Health hazards associated with shooting * gunfire

1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

None

2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

No lead shot.

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.

Project involves a hunting preserve with associated noise from gunfire.

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

Project is located as far as possible (~1 mile) from year round residences, or is several hundred feet above residences to reduce noise impact.

8. Land and shoreline use

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

Rural agriculture & timber

b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

Yes. Site is and will continue to be a dry-land hay & wheat farm and working cattle ranch.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

A residential house and several barns, shops & outbuildings are on the site & occupied by the site owner.

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

No.

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

Open Space & Extensive Agriculture

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

Open Space & Extensive Agriculture

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 an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.

No.

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

Up to 10 employees, part time & seasonal.

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

None.

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

N/A

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

Proposal is compatible with existing & projected land uses & plans.

9. Housing

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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?

N/A

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

None

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

N/A

11. Light and glare

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?

~~Distant windmills, 10 miles S. & East~~

N/A

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

None.

12. Recreation

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

Hunting, hiking, fishing, outdoor recreation,

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

No

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

Project will enhance recreation by creating more opportunities for recreation

13. Historic and cultural preservation

a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.

No

b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.

There are several documented pre-columbian lithic scatters on the site. There are several documented historic homesteads & a townsite on the site.

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

No historic or archeological site will be impacted.

14. Transportation

a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

Access to site is by existing driveway (vacated Kamholz Rd) from Horseshoe Bend Rd, a county road.

b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

No. The nearest bus stop is ~13 miles east in Goldendale,

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

Zero. Parking is ~~in fields & on existing private dirt roads,~~
on graveled driveways & roads.

d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

No.

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

No.

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.

Average of less than 1 per day.

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

None.

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)? If so, generally describe.

No.

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

N/A

16. Utilities

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.

No utilities are proposed for the project. The existing utilities serve the existing ranch house & infrastructure.

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.

Signature: 

Date Submitted: 08-22-11

D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS

(do not 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 significant impacts

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

N/A

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

No significant impacts

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

N/A

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

No significant impacts

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 significant impacts

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

N/A

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?

No impacts

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

N/A

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

No impacts

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

N/A

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

None known.

Shooting Preserve Application

Adjacent Landowners

| Parcel # | Name | Address | Acres |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--|-------|
| 4141600000000 | DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES | PO BOX 47014 OLYMPIA WA 98504-7014 | 640 |
| 4142100000100 | ROHRBACHER, GEORGE | 1440 HORSESHOE BEND RD CENTERVILLE WA 98613 | 400 |
| 4142100000200 | THE EYRIE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP | 1440 HORSESHOE BEND RD CENTERVILLE WA 98613 | 80 |
| 4142200000200 | ROHRBACHER, GEORGE | 1440 HORSESHOE BEND RD CENTERVILLE WA 98613 | 450 |
| 4142300000200 | CHILES TRUSTEE, PAUL | 5 KAMHOLZ RD CENTERVILLE WA 98613 | 80 |
| 4142600000200 | CHILES TRUSTEE, PAUL | 5 KAMHOLZ RD CENTERVILLE WA 98613 | 240 |
| 4142600000100 | CHILES TRUSTEE, PAUL | 5 KAMHOLZ RD CENTERVILLE WA 98613 | 80 |
| 4142500000100 | CHILES TRUSTEE, PAUL | 5 KAMHOLZ RD CENTERVILLE WA 98613 | 320 |
| 4142400000200 | DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES | PO BOX 47014 OLYMPIA WA 98504-7014 | 80 |
| 4142400000100 | PROJECT PATCH | 2404 E MILL PLAIN BLVD VANCOUVER WA 98661-4334 | 80 |
| 4141300000500 | FAHLENKAMP, WALTER | 702 CUNLIFF RD GOLDFENDALE WA 98620 | 280 |
| 4141300000400 | DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES | PO BOX 47014 OLYMPIA WA 98504-7014 | 160 |
| 4141300000600 | CHILES TRUSTEE, PAUL | 5 KAMHOLZ RD CENTERVILLE WA 98613 | 40 |
| 4141400000600 | DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES | PO BOX 47014 OLYMPIA WA 98504-7014 | 40 |
| 4141300000300 | POTTER, DEAN | PO BOX 61428 VANCOUVER WA 98666 | 40 |
| 4141400000800 | POTTER, DEAN | PO BOX 61428 VANCOUVER WA 98666 | 20 |
| 4141400000100 | POTTER, DEAN | PO BOX 61428 VANCOUVER WA 98666 | 20 |
| 4141400000200 | HARPER, ROGER | PO BOX 301 KELSO WA 98626 | 20 |
| 4141400000300 | KLICKITAT LAND PRESERVATION | 367 OAK RIDGE RD WHITE SALMON WA 98672 | 20 |
| 4141400000400 | CHILES TRUSTEE, PAUL | 5 KAMHOLZ RD CENTERVILLE WA 98613 | 64.7 |
| 4141500000200 | CHILES TRUSTEE, PAUL | 5 KAMHOLZ RD CENTERVILLE WA 98613 | 27.43 |
| 4141500000300 | DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES | PO BOX 47014 OLYMPIA WA 98504-7014 | 40 |
| 4141000001300 | WAITT, DOREEN | 2026 N TERRY PORTLAND OR 97217 | 22.44 |
| 4141000001400 | HOLUBAR, JAROSLAV | PO BOX 375 KLICKITAT WA 98628 | 23 |
| 4141000001500 | COLUMBIA LAND TRUST | 1351 OFFICERS ROW VANCOUVER WA 98661 | 9.77 |
| 4141500000600 | COLUMBIA LAND TRUST | 1351 OFFICERS ROW VANCOUVER WA 98661 | 52.73 |

Hunting Preserve Application

Legal Description of Property:

| Legal Description by Parcel Number | SEC | TWSP | RGE | E/W | Tax Parcel # | County | Acres |
|--|-----|------|-----|-----|----------------|-----------|-------|
| S2N2; NWSE; S2SE; SW; | 14 | 4 | 14 | E | 04141400000500 | Klickitat | 440 |
| S2NE; SENW; S2; NENW; | 15 | 4 | 14 | E | 04141500000700 | Klickitat | 480 |
| ALL LESS PTN LY S & W OF HORSESHOE BEND RD | 22 | 4 | 14 | E | 04142200000100 | Klickitat | 190 |
| N2; N2SW; SE; | 23 | 4 | 14 | E | 04142300000100 | Klickitat | 560 |
| W2; W2SE; | 24 | 4 | 14 | E | 04142400000300 | Klickitat | 400 |

Total Acres: 2070