



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

1250 West Alder Street • Union Gap, Washington 98903-0009 • (509) 575-2490

September 1, 2020

Lisa Wood  
SEPA\NEPA Coordinator  
WDFW Regulatory Services Section  
600 Capital Way North  
Olympia, WA 98501-1091

Re: DNS 20-038

Dear Lisa Wood:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the determination of nonsignificance for the Swakane Canyon Rifle and Pistol Range. Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has reviewed the documents and has the following comments.

#### **HAZARDOUS WASTE & TOXIC REDUCTION**

Lead at shooting ranges can become a significant environmental concern. Good range management is protective of the environmental and helps minimize cleanup costs and liability for range owners/operators. The federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has published *Best Management Practices for Lead at Outdoor Shooting Ranges*, available online at <https://www.epa.gov/lead/best-management-practices-lead-outdoor-shooting-ranges>. Ecology encourages the use of these best management practices.

Ecology's Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction Program helps sites comply with the Dangerous Waste Regulations. Lead, if recycled or reused, is considered a scrap metal and is excluded from most dangerous waste regulations. Ecology encourages all businesses to check our website regularly and watch for new rulemaking that may affect their industry (<https://ecology.wa.gov/>). For compliance assistance, please contact Ecology's Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction Program in the Central Region at [crohwtr@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:crohwtr@ecy.wa.gov).

#### **WATER QUALITY**

##### Project with Potential to Discharge Off-Site

The NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit from the Washington State Department of Ecology is required if there is a potential for stormwater discharge from a construction site with disturbed ground. This permit requires that the SEPA checklist fully disclose anticipated

Lisa Wood  
September 1, 2020  
Page 2

activities including building, road construction and utility placements. Obtaining a permit may take 38-60 days.

The permit requires that a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (Erosion Sediment Control Plan) shall be prepared and implemented for all permitted construction sites. These control measures must be able to prevent soil from being carried into surface water and storm drains by stormwater runoff. Permit coverage and erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading, or construction.

More information on the stormwater program may be found on Ecology's stormwater website at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/>. Please submit an application or contact **Wendy Neet** at the Dept. of Ecology, 509-454-7277 or email [wendy.neet@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:wendy.neet@ecy.wa.gov), with questions about this permit.

Sincerely,



Gwen Clear  
Environmental Review Coordinator  
Central Regional Office  
509-575-2012  
[crosepa@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:crosepa@ecy.wa.gov)

202004325