From: Simmons, Katrina E (DFW)

To: <u>NC-Review</u>

Cc: Johnston, Taylor (DFW); Richards, Marcus; Verellen, Clayton; Darveshi, Shaun; Kieninger, David; Sadia,

Mosstafa; SEPADesk2 (DFW)

Subject: RE: DNS 24-033 Lake Lenore Shooting Range SEPA comments

Date: Friday, September 13, 2024 10:06:21 AM

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Hello,

Thank you for your reply to our responses to your comments on DNS 24-033, Lake Lenore Shooting Range. Based on your reply, WDFW plans to proceed with the project as designed. If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact WDFW.

Kind regards, Katrina



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From: NC-Review < NC-Review @ WSDOT.WA.GOV> Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2024 5:14 PM

To: Simmons, Katrina E (DFW) < Katrina. Simmons@dfw.wa.gov>

Cc: Johnston, Taylor (DFW) <Taylor.Johnston@dfw.wa.gov>; Richards, Marcus

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External Email

Greetings,

WSDOT's comments on your response is in RED.

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WSDOT Comment: If there is widening of this single lane road, then there should be consideration for paving the access at the highway. The current single lane road doesn't support very much traffic use.

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WSDOT supports your responses.

Let me know if you have any questions.

-Thank you

From: Richards, Marcus < <u>marcus.richards@wsdot.wa.gov</u>>

Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2024 5:05 PM **To:** NC-Review < NC-Review @WSDOT.WA.GOV>

Subject: FW: DNS 24-033 Lake Lenore Shooting Range SEPA comments

From: Richards, Marcus

Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 5:28 PM

To: NC-Review < NC-Review@WSDOT.WA.GOV >

Subject: FW: DNS 24-033 Lake Lenore Shooting Range SEPA comments

From: Simmons, Katrina E (DFW) < Katrina.Simmons@dfw.wa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:40 PM

To: Richards, Marcus < <u>marcus.richards@wsdot.wa.gov</u>> **Cc:** Johnston, Taylor (DFW) < <u>Taylor.Johnston@dfw.wa.gov</u>>

Subject: DNS 24-033 Lake Lenore Shooting Range SEPA comments

Hi Marcus,

Thank you for your comments on DNS-24-033, Lake Lenore Shooting Range. I'm the environmental planner for this project and I've cc'd Taylor Johnston, the construction project manager. Your comments from the PublicInput site are pasted in blue at the end of this email and I provided some responses below. Do you have a few minutes to chat next week? My calendar is wide open Wednesday 9/18 and Friday 9/20. It looks like Taylor has time on those days as well. I'm happy to set up a Teams meeting or phone call, and I look forward to talking with you about this project.

Thank you, Katrina



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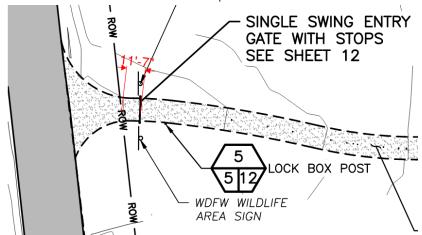
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Full WSDOT Comments from PublicInput:

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If there are any questions, please let me know. -Thank you