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DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

Director's Decision

APPLICANT:

Topher Kurth

FILE NO .:

C92-0107-S-S-11

REQUEST:

To construct an addition, attached garage and deck to an existing

residence on a 12-acre parcel.

LOCATION:

The subject parcel is located within the E 1/4 of Section 29,

Township 2 North, Range 6 East, W.M., Skamania County,

Washington.

NATIONAL SCENIC AREA DESIGNATION: General Management Area

COMMENTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES/INDIVIDUALS:

Notice of the subject request was mailed to the following agencies/individuals:

Yakima Indian Nation

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Nez Perce Tribe

WA Department of Community Development

OR Land Conservation and Development Commission

U.S. Forest Service NSA Office

WA Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

Skamania County Planning

Skamania County Building

Skamania County Assessor

SW Washington Health District

Skamania Community Council

Comments were received from Columbia Gorge United, Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Skamania Community Council, and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakima Indian Nation.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Conversion of Land

The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Final Interim Guidelines, Chapter III, Sections C.1(a)(1) and C.2(a)(2), permit agricultural land to be

converted to open space, recreation development or forest land when such conversion is consistent with the Act, and permit forest land to be converted to open space, recreation development or agricultural land when such conversion is consistent with the Act. Conversion of farm or forest lands to other uses is inconsistent with the Act.

- 2. The subject parcel is 12 acres in size and includes an existing single-family residence.
- Adjacent land use is a mixture of undeveloped, wooded land and rural residential uses. Parcel sizes of adjacent lands range from 2.4 acres to 20 acres
- No agriculture or forest uses occur on the subject parcel or adjacent parcels.
 Commercial forest uses occur in the general subject area north of the subject parcel.

Conclusion:

The proposed development involves additions to an existing residence on a parcel committed to a non-resource (residential) use. The proposed development would not convert farm or forest lands.

B. <u>Scenic Resources</u>

- The <u>Final Interim Guidelines</u>, Chapter III, Section B.1(3) states that "proposed uses or developments shall not detract from or impair views from key viewing areas."
- 2. The Final Interim Guidelines, Chapter III, Section B.1(4) state that "size, shape, color, texture, siting, height, building materials, lighting or other reatures of a proposed development shall not noticeably contrast with the landscape setting."
- 3. The <u>Final Interim Guidelines</u>, Chapter III, Section B(1)(6) requires that proposed uses or developments shall be screened from view of key viewing areas. Wherever possible, screening will make use of topographic or other natural features and/or native vegetation.
- 4. Portions of the subject parcel are visible from the Columbia River, the Union-Pacific Railroad and Interstate 84. All of the above are key viewing areas as identified by the <u>Final Interim Guidelines</u>. The subject parcel is approximately 2-3 miles from those portions of the key viewing areas from which it is visible.
- Small portions of the existing residence are visible from the above key viewing areas. Existing mature fir trees located near and to the south, east

and west of the existing residence would effectively screen the proposed addition, deck and attached garage from view of the key viewing areas if retained.

- The proposed addition, deck and attached garage would not noticeably contrast with the landscape setting if their exteriors were composed of materials with low reflectivity and natural or earth-tone colors.
- 7. No exterior lighting is shown on the site plan. To assure the development blends with its setting and does not impair views from key viewing areas, any exterior lighting should be sited, limited in intensity, and shielded in a manner which prevents the lighting from being highly visible from any key viewing areas.

Conclusion:

With conditions addressing: 1) retention of existing native trees, 2) exterior color and reflectivity, and 3) exterior lighting, the proposed development would not adversely affect

C. <u>Cultural Resources</u>

- 1. The Final Interim Guidelines state in Chapter III, Section B(2)(1) that proposed uses or developments shall not damage or destroy cultural resources existing on the site or in the vicinity."
- 2. Thomas Turck, archaeologist with the U.S. Forest Service, conducted an investigation for the presence of cultural resources on the subject parcel. The investigation consisted of an archival records search and a field survey. No cultural resources were identified on the subject parcel, either through the records search or field survey.

Mr. Turck recommended that, if any cultural resources are discovered during the course of the project, work should immediately cease, and the Washington Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and the Commission notified immediately.

3. The Washington Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation did not identify known cultural resources on the site. The Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation requests that if any archaeological or historic resources are uncovered during project activities that work cease and the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation immediately be notified.

Conclusion:

The proposed development would not adversely affect any known cultural resources. A condition requiring that the Commission be notified and construction activity halted should

- Any exterior lighting shall be sited, limited in intensity, and shielded in a manner which prevents the lighting from being highly visible from key viewing areas.
- 4. If any prehistoric or historic cultural resources are discovered during project activities, all work shall cease and the Commission shall be notified immediately.

DATED AND SIGNED THIS _____ day of July, 1992, at White Salmon, Washington.

Jonathan Doherty, Executive Director

Note: Any new residential development, related accessory structures such as garages, workshops and satellite dishes and additions or alterations not included in this approved site plan, will require a new application and review.

As per section 350-20-014 of the Commission's Review and Approval of Major Development Actions and New Residential Development Rule, no development shall be undertaken or initiated within twenty (20) working days of the date of this decision, the time period within which this decision may be appealed. The appeal period ends the 19th day of August, 1992.

As per section 350-20-010(6) the decision of the Director approving a proposed development action shall become void in two years if the development action is not undertaken within that period, or when the development action is discontinued for any reason for one continuous year or more. The decision of the Director becomes void on the 12 adday of July, 1994.

This land use approval does not exempt the development from any other requirements, standards or permits required by local government or other jurisdictions. The developer should check with the appropriate city or county planning and/or building departments regarding local land use and building regulations.

APPEAL PROCESS

The decision of the Executive Director shall be final unless a notice of appeal is filed with the Commission within twenty (20) working days of the date of this decision by the applicant or any person who submitted comment. Any three (3) members of the Commission may appeal this decision by filing a notice within the same time period. Notice of Appeal forms may be obtained at Commission offices.

No development approved by the Executive Director shall be undertaken or initiated during the appeal filing period if the Director received any adverse comments during the comment period. If the Director received no adverse comments, the development action approved by the Director may be undertaken or initiated during the appeal filing period,

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subject to the risks and consequences of an appeal or Commission initiated review. The development remains subject to the rules and regulations of other state and local authorities with jurisdiction over the proposed development.

The appeal period ends the 1944 day of August, 1992.

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June 21, 1994

Topher Kurth MP .41 Archer Mountain Way Skamania, WA 98648

Subject: Commission File C92-0103-S-G-12

Dear Mr. Kurth:

Pursuant to Commission Rule 350-20-010(7), your request for an extension of the validity of your development review is granted. This extension is granted to July 22, 1995. All conditions of the original development approval remain valid.

Please call our office if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

onathan L. Doherty

Executive Director

Skamania County Department of Planning & Community Development Skamania County Building Department

March 21, 1997

Topher Kurth 411 Wakina Skamania, WA 98648

Dear Mr. Kurth:

The Executive Director has reviewed your proposed revised site plan for an addition to your dwelling. An addition was originally approved pursuant to Commission File No. C92-0107-S-S-11. You have done work towards completion of the garage each year, starting in 1995, prior to expiration of the approval. This was part of the development approved under that decision. The approval is thus still considered valid.

You are now proposing to relocate the addition to the west side of the dwelling, as opposed to the original plans to locate it on the dwelling's south side. Pursuant to Commission Rule 350-80-140, the revised site plan for the dwelling extension is found to be a minor change that is consistent with the guidelines of Commission Rule 350-80 and the findings and conclusions for the original action. It is hereby approved, and no further land use approval is required prior to its construction. Building permit requirements for Skamania County still apply, of course.

Good luck with your project.

Sincerely,

Buse 1th Brian Litt

Senior Planner

STATE OF <u>(abjornia</u>) ss.
County of <u>Sunta (larg.)</u>

On this day personally appeared before me RONALD R. RICHSTAD, to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and knowledged that he signed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned

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Name: SANDHYH R. SHETH.

Notary public in and for the State of

California, residing at: Santa Clara

Commission expires: Nov 19 1999.

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County of <u>Santo</u> (large)

On this day personally appeared before me INGRID A. RICHSTAD, to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that she signed the same as her free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned

Given under my hand and official seal this 18 day of July

____, 1997.

SANDHYA R SHETH
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Name: SANDHYA. R. SHETH

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