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## ASSESSOR'S PROPERTY TAX PARCEL/ACCOUNT NUMBER

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Skamania County  
Department of Planning and  
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Stevenson, Washington 98648  
509 427-9458 FAX: 509 427-4839

April 30, 1999

Joseph and Denise Myers  
17777 Edmundson Road  
Sisters, OR 97759

Re: Amendment to NSA-96-50

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Myers:

The Planning Department issued a final Director's Decision on February 13, 1997 for the above referenced application. Since that time you have proceeded with development of the parcel and constructed the access road and barn along with installation of the septic, well and related appurtenances and therefore, the original approval is still valid. However, you have recently requested a minor alteration to the location of the proposed house (See attached request). You are requesting to move the house approximately 120-150 feet south and approximately 40 feet east of the approved location. Also for clarification purposes, the access is somewhat different than the originally approved site plan, therefore, this amendment request will also include the driveway.

You have indicated that the request to amend the house location will allow a larger portion of the pasture to remain undisturbed, will reduce wind exposure and will reduce visibility from key viewing areas. Based on the site visit completed by staff on April 29, 1999, these statements are all correct. The new location allows existing screening vegetation to effectively screen the home from all key viewing areas. The only key viewing area visible from the home site is the Columbia River, however, the portion of the Columbia River visible from the property is outside of the National Scenic Area as the view corridor is only in the western direction. Based on this new location, you have requested us to delete the following condition:

- 8) 6 screening trees shall be planted on the south side of the home. The trees shall be spaced 15 feet apart.

This request is acceptable as the home is now much closer to existing vegetation to the south. However, a new condition shall state:

- 16) All existing trees south of the proposed home site shall be retained and maintained in a healthy condition. Dead or dying trees shall be replaced with the same species of tree in the same location.



Additionally, the driveway, although slightly different than the originally approved driveway reserves more of the open pasture land for farm use and allows a better access to the accessory structures. Furthermore, the applicants have lined the western side of the driveway with trees and it is completely screened.

Pursuant to SCC §22.06.080(B), a change or alteration to an approved action, if determined to be minor by the Director, may be "deemed consistent with the provisions of this Title and the findings and conclusions on the original application." I have determined that the proposed request constitutes a minor change, therefore, the original decision shall be amended to allow for a change to the approved driveway as shown on the amended site plan (attached) and to allow the home location to be moved approximately 120-150 feet south and 40 feet east of the original location.

All of the original conditions in the Director's Decision, with the exception of the above change, are still valid and shall be complied with. This amendment does include a 20 day appeal period (see below).

Finally, you submitted color samples for the home the week of April 26<sup>th</sup> and those samples are consistent with Condition # 4 and are hereby approved. If you change your color samples you will need to submit new color samples.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 509-427-9458.

Sincerely,

*Kari R. Fagerness*  
Kari R. Fagerness  
Planner

Attachments

#### APPEALS

This Administrative Decision of the Director shall be final unless reversed or modified on appeal. A written Notice of Appeal may be filed by an interested person within 20 days from the date hereof. Appeal may be made to the Skamania County Board of Adjustment, P.O. Box 790, Stevenson, WA 98648, on or before 5/29/99. Notice of Appeal forms are available at the Department Office.

cc: Skamania County Building Department  
Skamania County Assessor's Office  
Persons submitting written comments in a timely manner  
Yakama Indian Nation  
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Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs  
Nez Perce Tribe  
Columbia River Gorge Commission  
U.S. Forest Service - NSA Office  
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Skamania County Planning Department  
Kari Fagerness  
P.O. Box 790  
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Please notice the change in location of our proposed home enclosed, as compared with the original site plan.

The original plan placed the home in the center of the field at the highest elevation of the property. The new site location provides more seclusion and greatly reduces the exposure to other Columbia Gorge viewing areas. The reduced viewing is due to the amount and size of the vegetation just south of the house. Moving the house will maintain the continuity of the field for hay and pasture uses. It will also help in somewhat reducing the wind exposures.

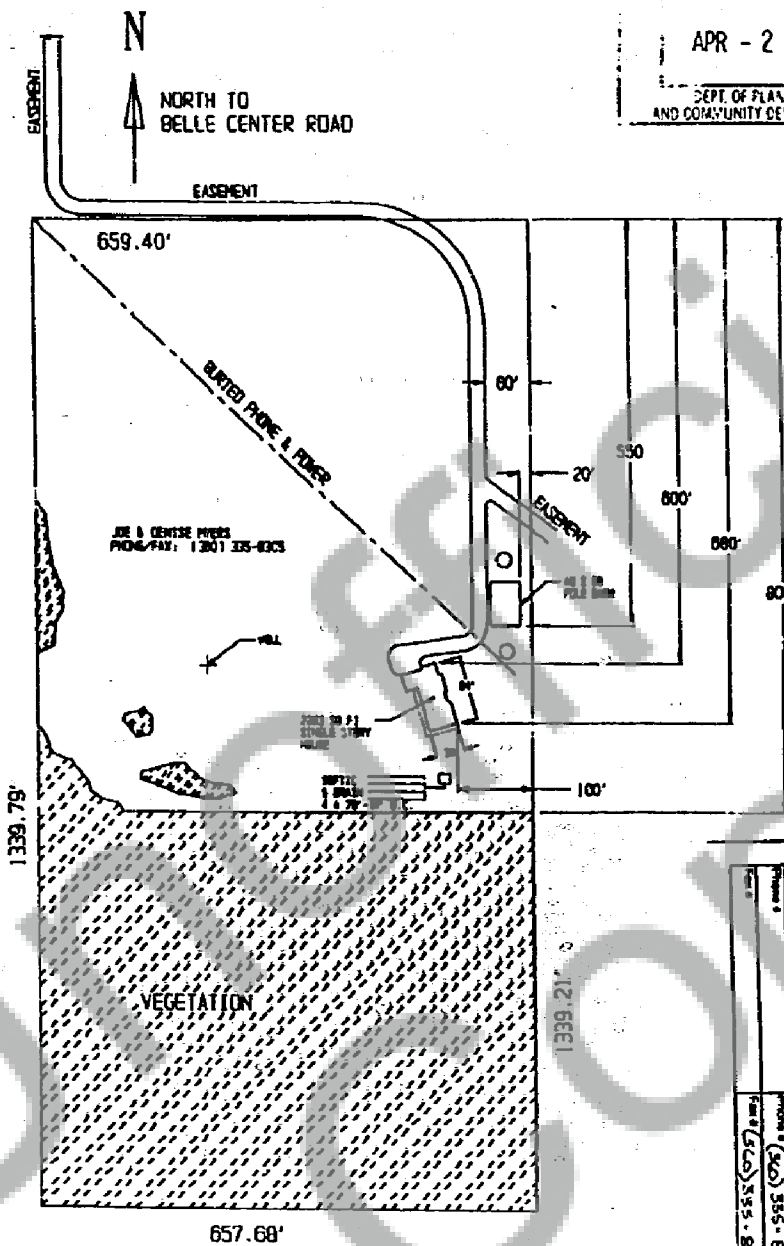
Since the proposed house site is located at a lower elevation (more to the east) and much closer to the vegetation area, screening trees should not be necessary.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Joe and Denise Myers



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