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**Administrative Decision**

**APPLICANT:** Skamania County Department of Public Works

**PROPERTY OWNER:** Skamania County right-of-way

**FILE NO.:** NSA-11-06

**PROJECT:** A Post-Emergency/ Disaster Response Action at Indian Cabin Road in response to a small slide that damaged the existing roadway located above the Wind River. The emergency work included placing a temporary driving deck across the affected area and placing the slide debris back along the slope. There was no temporary stockpiling. Skamania County Public Works proceeded with the emergency slide repair including the installation of the temporary driving deck early to mid-February. A second slide occurred in late March, 2011 and as a result the temporary driving deck was removed and daily monitoring is occurring until a permanent roadway design is permitted and constructed.

**LOCATION:** Indian Cabin Road, Home Valley; South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 22 of T3N, R8E, W.M.

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**LEGAL:** Skamania County Road Right-of-Way

**ZONING:** General Management Area- Small Woodland (F-3)/ Urban Area Rural Estate (RE)

**DECISION:** Based upon the record and the Staff Report, the application Skamania County Department of Public Works, described above, **subject to the conditions set forth in this Decision**, is found to be consistent with SCC Title 22 and **is hereby approved**.

Although the proposed development is approved, it may not be buildable due to inadequate soils for septic and/or lack of potable water. These issues are under the jurisdiction of Skamania County's Building Division and the Skamania County Environmental Health Division.

Approval of this request does not exempt the applicant or successors in interest from compliance with all other applicable local, state, and federal laws.

**CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:**

The following conditions are required to ensure that the subject request is consistent with Skamania County Code Title 22. **This document, outlining the conditions of approval, must be recorded by the applicant in the deed records of the Skamania County Auditor** in order to ensure notice of the conditions of approval to successors in interest. SCC §22.06.120(C)(2).

- 1) As per SCC §22.06.120(C)(2), this Administrative Decision **SHALL BE RECORDED** by the applicant in the County deed records prior to commencement of the approved project.
- 2) All developments shall be consistent with the enclosed site plan, unless modified by the following conditions of approval. If modified, the site plan shall be consistent with the conditions of approval. (See attached)
- 3) Best Management Practices (BMPs) and erosion control measures shall be used during all emergency/ disaster response actions. Structures installed or erected for temporary use (e.g. sandbags, check dams, plastic sheeting, filter fabric fences, debris walls, etc.) shall be removed within one year following the emergency event. All disturbed areas shall be re-seeded with native vegetation. Planted vegetation shall be maintained to ensure survival.
- 4) No spoils shall be deliberately deposited into the Wind River. No in-water work is approved as part of this emergency/ disaster response action.

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- 5) The areas disturbed by the emergency response activities shall be rehabilitated to the maximum extent practicable. Full rehabilitation and mitigation will occur during future slope stabilization efforts for a permanent roadway fix.
- 6) National Scenic Area Land Use application for more permanent structural fixes to this emergency response shall be submitted to the Skamania County Community Development within twelve (12) months of the emergency/ disaster event in order to be reviewed in accordance with Skamania County Code Title 22, Section 22.34.010. If application for such project is received after December 16, 2011 the proposal will be reviewed as a new use.
- 7) The following procedures shall be effected when cultural resources are discovered during construction activities:
  - a) Halt Construction. All construction activities within 100 feet of the discovered cultural resource shall cease. The cultural resources shall remain as found; further disturbance is prohibited.
  - b) Notification. The project applicant shall notify the Administrator and the Gorge Commission within twenty-four (24) hours of the discovery. If the cultural resources are prehistoric or otherwise associated with Native Americans, the project applicant shall also notify the Indian tribal governments within twenty-four (24) hours.
  - c) Survey and Evaluations. The Gorge Commission shall survey the cultural resources after obtaining written permission from the landowner and appropriate permits from the DAHP. (See Revised Code of Washington 27.53) It shall gather enough information to evaluate the significance of the cultural resources. The survey and evaluation shall be documented in a report that generally follows the provisions in Section 22.22.030 of this Chapter. Based upon the survey and evaluation report and any written comments, the Administrator shall make a final decision on whether the resources are significant. Construction activities may recommence if the cultural resources are not significant.
  - d) Mitigation Plan. Mitigation plans shall be prepared according to the information, consultation and report provisions contained in Section 22.22.050 of this Chapter. Construction activities may recommence when conditions in the mitigation plan have been executed.
- 8) The following procedures shall be effected when human remains are discovered during a cultural resource survey or during construction. Human remains means articulated or disarticulated human skeletal remains, bones or teeth, with or without attendant burial artifacts.

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- a) Halt of Activities. All survey, excavation and construction activities shall cease.
- b) Notification. Local law enforcement officials, the Administrator, the Gorge Commission, and the Indian tribal governments shall be contacted immediately.
- c) Inspection. The county coroner, or appropriate official, shall inspect the remains at the project site and determine if they are prehistoric/ historic or modern. Representatives of the Indian tribal governments shall be contacted immediately and have an opportunity to monitor the inspection.
- d) Jurisdiction. If the remains are modern, the appropriate law enforcement official shall assume jurisdiction and the cultural resource protection process may conclude.
- e) Treatment. The procedures set out in RCW 27.44 and 68.05 shall generally be implemented if the remains are prehistoric/ historic. If human remains will be reinterred or preserved in their original position, a mitigation plan shall be prepared in accordance with the consultation and report requirements set out in Section 22.22.050 of this Chapter. The mitigation plan shall accommodate the cultural and religious concerns of Native Americans. The cultural resource protection process may conclude when conditions set forth in Section 22.22.050(C) of this Chapter are met and the mitigation plan is executed.

Dated and Signed this 26 day of APRIL, 2011, at Stevenson, Washington.

  
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Nicole Hollatz, Land Use Planner  
Planning Division

**NOTES**

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

**EXPIRATION**

As per SCC §22.06.150(A), this Administrative Decision approving a proposed development action shall become void in two years if the development is not commenced within that period, or once development has commenced the development action is discontinued for any reason for one continuous year or more.

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If the development does not include a structure the permit shall expire two years after the date the land use approval was granted unless the use or development was established according to all specifications and conditions of approval in the approval. For land divisions, "established" means the final deed or plat has been recorded with the county auditor.

If the development includes a **structure** the permit shall expire when construction has not commenced within two (2) years of the date the land use approval was granted; or once the structure has been started and if the structure has not been completed within two (2) years of the date of commencement of construction the permit shall expire. Completion of the structure for this purpose means the completion of the exterior surface(s) of the structure; and compliance with all conditions of approval in the land use approval, including, but not limited to, painting of the exterior of the structure.

### **APPEALS**

**The Director reserves the right to provide additional comment and findings of fact regarding this decision, if appealed.**

This Administrative Decision shall be final unless reversed or modified on appeal. A written Notice of Appeal form must be filed by an interested person within 20 days from the date hereof. Appeals are to be made to the Skamania County Hearing Examiner, P.O. Box 790, Stevenson, WA 98648. Notice of Appeal forms and mailing lists are available at the Community Development Department and must be accompanied by a \$1,300.00 nonrefundable-filing fee and a Certificate of Mailing.

The final determination of the Environmental Threshold Determination related to this underlying government action can be appealed to a court of competent jurisdiction, along with the underlying government action, only by the parties with standing to the Environmental Threshold Determination. If the underlying government action was exempt from SEPA review, this section does not apply.

### **WARNING**

On November 30, 1998 the Columbia River Gorge Commission overturned a Skamania County Director's Decision 18 months after the 20 day appeal period had expired. You are hereby warned that you are proceeding at your own risk and Skamania County will not be liable for any damages you incur in reliance upon your Administrative Decision or any amendments thereto.

A copy of the Decision was sent to the following:

Skamania County Building Division

A copy of this Decision, including the Staff Report, was sent to the following:

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Persons submitting written comments in a timely manner

Yakama Indian Nation

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs

Nez Perce Tribe

Cowlitz Tribe

Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

Columbia River Gorge Commission (electronic)

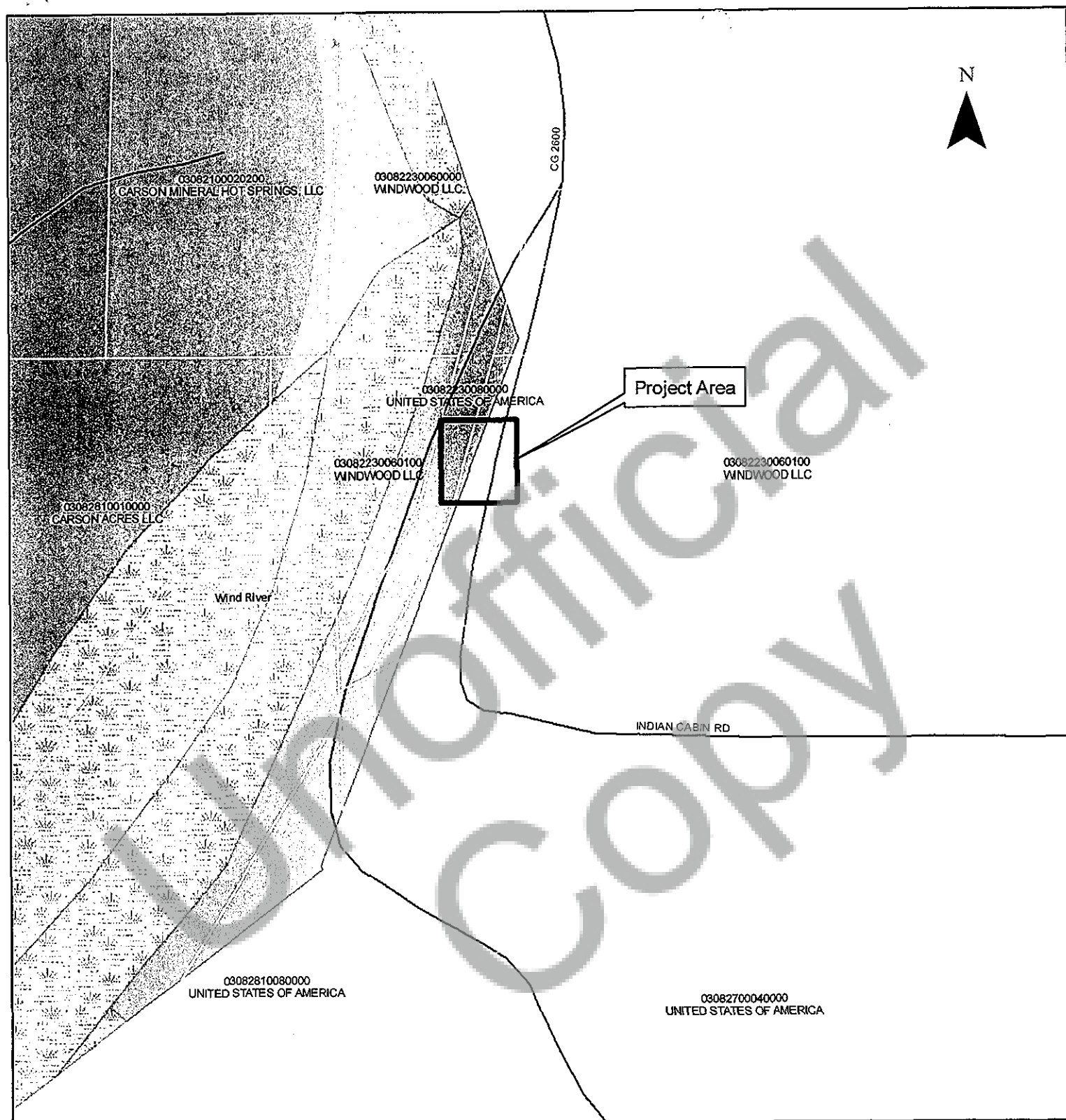
U.S. Forest Service - NSA Office

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State of Washington Department of Commerce – Paul Johnson (electronic)

Department of Fish and Wildlife (electronic)





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