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**Skamania County**  
**Community Development Department**

**Building/Fire Marshal • Environmental Health • Planning**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION**

**APPLICANT:** Skamania County Public Utilities District #1  
**FILE NO.:** NSA-21-07  
**DESCRIPTION:** Remove discontinued water system facilities from two parcels.  
**LOCATION:** 272 Ausplund Road, identified as Skamania County parcel no. #03-10-19-0-0-0304-00.  
422 Wess Road, identified as Skamania County parcel no. #03-10-21-2-0-0209-00.  
**LEGALS:** See attached page 5.  
**ZONING:** 272 Ausplund Road – GMA (Ag-1); 422 Wess Road – GMA (Ag-2).  
**DECISION:** Based upon the record and the Staff Report, the applicant's proposal, described above, is found to be consistent with SCC Title 22 and is hereby **APPROVED** subject to the conditions set forth below.

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 disturbed areas shall be reseeded with native vegetation as soon as practicable and prior to project completion. The Skamania County Public Utilities District #1 shall be responsible for the proper maintenance of planted vegetation, and replacement of such vegetation that does not survive.
3. Existing tree cover shall be retained as much as possible, except as is necessary for site development, safety purposes or as part of forest management practices.
4. The applicant shall meet all conditions of approval enacted to achieve visual subordination prior to final inspection by the Community Development Department. A final inspection approval will not be issued until compliance with all conditions of approval, including visual subordination criteria have been verified.
5. A Final Inspection by Community Development Department staff is required after all structures have been removed and disturbed areas revegetated. The final inspection should be arranged by calling the Community Development inspection line at 509-427-3922 or by emailing permitcenter@co.skamania.wa.us.
6. An Inadvertent Discovery Plan embodying the provisions of SCC 22.22.060 (Condition #7) and SCC 22.22.070 (Condition #8) shall be prepared and posted in a conspicuous place at the development sites and shall remain posted until all project activities are concluded.
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.
- 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021, at Stevenson, Washington.



Mike Beck  
Planner

**NOTE:**

Any new development not included in the approved site plan on file with the Skamania County Community Development department 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.

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 1009, Stevenson, WA 98648. Notice of Appeal forms and mailing lists are available at the Community Development Department and must be accompanied by a \$2,450.00 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.

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

Persons submitting written comments in a timely manner  
Yakama Indian Nation  
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation  
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation  
Nez Perce Tribe  
Cowlitz Tribe  
Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation  
Columbia River Gorge Commission  
U.S. Forest Service –NSA Office  
Board of County Commissioners  
State of Washington Department of Commerce – Paul Johnson  
Department of Fish and Wildlife

Parcel #03-10-19-0-0-0304-00 - 272 Ausplund Road

Legal Description:

A parcel located in Section 19 of Township 3 North, Range 10 East of the Willamette Meridian, Skamania County, Washington, more particularly described as follows:

The Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 19;

THAT PORTION of the East half of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 19 lying East of a line that starts at the intersection of Kollock-Knapp Road and Ausplund Road; thence North along the centerline of Ausplund Road 500 feet; thence perpendicular and East of said centerline an offset of 80 feet for the length of 400 feet; thence returning perpendicular to said centerline and continuing North along said centerline to the West line of the East half of the Southeast quarter of Section 19;

THAT PORTION of the West half of the East half of the Northwest quarter of Section 19 lying West of the centerline of Ausplund Road and South of the centerline of an existing road located approximately 860 feet, more or less, South of the North line of said Section 19, said centerline is oriented East and West and said South line includes the East and West extension of said centerline to the East and West lines of the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of said Section 19;

EXCEPTING the East 8 rods of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Said section 19 and the East 8 rods of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 19, Skamania County, Washington.

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Parcel #03-10-21-2-0-0209-00 - 422 Wess Road

Legal Description:

Lots 1 and 2 of Short Plat recorded in Book 3 of Short Plats, Page 117, Skamania County Records.