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ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION

APPLICANT: Skamania County PUD

FILE NO.: NSA-24-41

DESCRIPTION: Installation of a new water reservoir and appurtenances, to replace the existing Huber Reservoir. The old reservoir will be removed and replaced with a stormwater pond upon completion.

LOCATION: Scoggins Rd - Underwood

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ZONING: GMA – Commercial Forest (F-1)

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.

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 site plan provided, unless modified by the following conditions of approval. If modified, the site plan shall be consistent with the conditions of approval.
3. Nineteen (19) western hemlocks and sixteen (16) western white pines must be planted once construction has concluded. The disturbed area shall be revegetated utilizing native plantings and grasses. Applicants and successors in interest of the subject parcel are responsible for the proper maintenance and survival of planted vegetation.
4. The following are the minimum required setbacks for all structures except fences: FRONT YARD: fifty (50) feet from the centerline of the street or road or twenty (20) feet from the front property line, whichever is greater; SIDE YARD: twenty (20) feet, and REAR YARD: twenty (20) feet.
5. The development shall comply with the fire safety provisions for the Commercial Forest (F-1) Zone listed in Skamania County Code Section 22.14.030(A).

All buildings shall be surrounded by a maintained fuel break of fifty feet. Irrigated or fire-resistant vegetation may be planted within the fuel break, including green lawns and low shrubs (less than twenty-four inches in height). Trees should be placed greater than fifteen feet between the crowns and pruned to remove dead and low (less than eight feet) branches. Accumulated leaves, needles and other dead vegetation shall be removed from beneath trees. Hazardous fuels shall be removed within the fuel break area.

Buildings with plumbed water systems shall install at least one standpipe at a minimum of fifty feet from the structure(s).

A pond, stream, tank or sump with storage of not less than one thousand gallons, or a well or water system capable of delivering twenty gallons per minute shall be provided. If a well pump is located on-site, the electrical service shall be separate from the dwelling.

Telephone and power supply shall be underground whenever possible.

Roofs of structures shall be made of fire-resistant materials, such as fiberglass shingles or tile.

All structural projections such as balconies, decks, and roof gables should be built with fire-resistant materials equivalent to that specified in the Uniform Building Code.

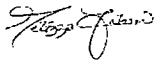
Attic openings, soffit vents, foundation louvers, or other ventilation openings on dwellings and accessory structures shall be screened with no coarser than a one-fourth-inch mesh metal screen that is noncombustible and corrosion resistant.

The administrator shall conduct a review of the development within one year to assure compliance with these fire safety provisions, embodied in SCC 22.14.030(A).

6. Only grading which is necessary for site development (building pads, utilities, etc.) is permitted. All graded areas left bare shall be re-seeded prior to final inspection by the Community Development department.
7. Any previously vegetated areas disturbed and left bare shall be reseeded with native vegetation as soon as practicable and before 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.
8. The exterior of all structures shall be dark earth tones in color. The exterior includes, but is not limited to, sides, doors, garage doors, decks, gutters, roofs, and trim. The following color submitted by the applicant is consistent with this condition and is hereby approved: Racy Raisin (PPG16-24). Any proposed changes to this color shall be submitted for review and approved by the Community Development Department for acceptably dark earth tone before their application. Community Development staff shall inspect the structure for acceptably before issuing final approval for this project.
9. The Community Development Department will conduct at least two site visits during construction: one siting inspection to verify the staked location of the structures prior to any ground disturbance taking place; and a second to be conducted after all foundation excavation has been completed including framing footers, but prior to pouring the foundation. A site visit for Final Inspection shall also be conducted. Each inspection may take up to four business days from the time of calling for the inspection. Inspections should be arranged by calling the Community Development inspection line at 509-427-3900 or by emailing permitcenter@co.skamania.wa.us
10. All exterior lighting shall be hooded or shielded at a 90° angle. Hoods/shields should be made of a non-reflective, opaque material, which does not allow light to pass through.
11. All new proposed development shall remain below existing forest canopy height.
12. All 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.
13. 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.
14. 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 20th day of February 2025, at Stevenson, Washington.



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Skamania County Community Development

NOTE:

Any new development 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.

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 \$3,450.00 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
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