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DATE: February 8, 2018

TO: Yakima County Public Services-County Roads, and Interested Agencies

FROM: Thomas Carroll—Environmental Section Manager

SUBJ: CUP2018-005/SEP2018-003 – Expansion of Mining Operation
Notice of Environmental Review - Preliminary Threshold Determination –
Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

Yakima County, as lead SEPA agency for this proposal, is issuing the attached DNS for comment under WAC 197-11-340(2). Your views on this proposal are welcome and you may provide written comments on issues related to this threshold determination. Comments must be submitted within 14 days. The optional process authorized by WAC 197-11-355 is being used. This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposal. The Responsible Official will consider this DNS based on timely comments and may retain, modify, or, if significant adverse impacts are likely, withdraw the DNS. No permits will be issued and the applicant shall not begin work, until the comment deadline has expired and any other necessary permits are issued. The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issuance.

Encl: Threshold Determination – Determination of Non-Significance

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DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

1. **Description of Proposal:** The Yakima County Planning Division has received a request for a Type 1 application with SEPA to expand an existing Mining operation. The present permit boundary encompasses 56 acres. The proposed new boundary size will be 72.7 acres with an extraction depth increased to 135 feet deep. The site allows Yakima County Public Services to maximize resources to provide mineral resources for public safety and public transportation improvement projects. The current permit limits Yakima County to a depth of 50 feet; where areas of our current operation have already succeeded that to a depth of 65 feet; as noted in recent annual inspections.

The subsequent use for this site is wildlife habitat. Following mining, the site will be reclaimed by contouring the slopes to a sinuous and natural topography and revegetating the area with rangeland grasses. Yakima County will maintain an equipment storage shelter for County operations. Revegetation will be concurrent with mining operations and will be reclaimed once a segment has been mined.

2. **File Number:** SEP2018-00003
3. **Owners:** Yakima County Public Services-County Roads
128 N. 2nd Street, 4th Floor
Yakima, WA 98901

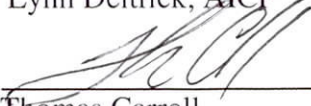
Proponent: Jason Alvord
Yakima County Public Services-County Roads
1216 S. 18th
Yakima, WA 98901
4. **Location of Proposal:** The property is located on the east side of Summitview Road, about one-half mile north of Klendon Drive, approximately three miles west of the City of Yakima. (Parcel nos. 171311-34002, 31005 & 43001)
5. **Lead Agency:** Yakima County Planning Division
6. **Determination:** The lead agency has determined that the requirements for environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed in the development regulations and comprehensive plan adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW, and in other applicable local, state, or federal laws or rules, as provided by RCW 43.21C.240 and WAC 197-11-158. Our agency will not require any additional mitigation measures under SEPA. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after a careful review of the completed environmental checklist, and other information on file with the lead agency. This information (including all environmental documentation) is available to the public on request and can be examined in our offices during regular business hours or online at www.yakimap.com/permits. Environmental documents include the SEPA checklist, this threshold determination, and submittal materials.

7. **Comment and Appeal Information:** This DNS is issued under WAC197-11-340(2). The Lead Agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issuance. You may submit comments on this proposal to the address below before 4:00 pm on 2/22/18, 2018. Agencies and those providing comments will receive a copy of the final decision. Appeal information will be provided with the final decision. For information on the comment or appeal processes, or on other issues relating to this proposal, contact Dinah Reed, Senior Project Planner at (509) 574-2300.

8. **SEPA Responsible Official:** Lynn Deitrick, AICP

9. **Designee:**

10. **Address:**



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11. **Date:**

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