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SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not

contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. Background [\[HELP\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: [Smith House](#)
2. Name of applicant: [Krysta A Smith](#)
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: [1711 E Deer Park Milan Rd, Deer Park WA 99006](#)
4. Date checklist prepared: [March 24, 2022](#)
5. Agency requesting checklist: [Spokane Co. Building and Planning.](#)
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): [3 year Wetland Mitigation Plan.](#)
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. [no](#)
8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. [Please see Attached "K Smith Critical AREA WETLAND AND BUFFER ADJUSTMENT AND WETLAND MITIGATION PLAN". JARPA.](#)
9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. [no](#)
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.
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possible grading and/or building permits, state/federal wetland fill permits
11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.) [Private residence, 3bd/2 bath house , TOTAL RESIDENCE FOOTPRINT OF 3,006SQFT. Wetland Mitigation Plan to mitigate 63 cubic yards and 2,812 cubic yards of excavated area within an action area which has already been impacted in the wetland and wetland buffers as of February 15-16, 2022. Please see attached File ref: <K Smith Critical Area Wetland and Buffer Adjustment and Wetland Mitigation Plan.pdf>.](#)
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12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by

the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

Parcel number 49045.9099, 12.76 acres at the corner of N Elk Camden and Boundary Rd in Elk, WA 99009 (Spokane County)

B. Environmental Elements [\[HELP\]](#)

1. Earth [\[help\]](#)

a. General description of the site:

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other riverine terrace. channel migration zone .



b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? 11%

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

Wetland soils included series unit #1130 Colburn ashy loam, 0-3% slopes and is considered a hydric soil. The upland soil is considered as soil series unit #3071 Stien ashy silt loam 0-15% slopes.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. Yes rapid in substratum volcanic ash 12-20"

Spokane County GIS mapping indicates "erodible soils" on the parcel CS 5/24/22

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

Wetland Mitigation Plan to mitigate 63 cubic yards and 2,812 cubic yards of excavated area within an action area which has already been impacted in the wetland and wetland buffers as of February 15-16, 2022.

Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. Yes Best Management Practices have been included. Please see Attachment 6 of Please see attached File ref: <K Smith Critical Area Wetland and Buffer Adjustment and Wetland Mitigation Plan.pdf>.

f.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? Approximately 3,006sqft.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

Please see Attachment 6 of Please see attached File ref: <K Smith Critical Area Wetland and Buffer Adjustment and Wetland Mitigation Plan.pdf>.

2. Air [\[help\]](#)

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. no

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

3. Water [\[help\]](#)

a. Surface Water: [\[help\]](#)

1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including

year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into. **Little Spokane River and 4 associated riverine and depressional wetland units.**

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans. **Yes approximately 83 ft from 2 wetland units, wetland unit- 3. And in wetland unit 4 is direct impacts to Aspen grove. Action already completed onsite.**



3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material. 63 cubic yards.

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. None known

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

Yes please see Site Development Plan in Figure 3 of the Please see attached File ref: <K Smith Critical Area Wetland and Buffer Adjustment and Wetland Mitigation Plan.pdf>.

6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge. Sediment from construction of approach at private drive approximately 63 cubic yards.

b. Ground Water: [\[help\]](#)

1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. no

*No water districts serve the site
presumably a well will be drilled for water supply to future dwelling.* es
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2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

Pressurize 1000g septic. Approved by SCRH & DOH

Reich Engineering, Spokane WA. Please see Attachments 2 in the

File ref: <K Smith Critical Area Wetland and Buffer Adjustment and Wetland Mitigation Plan.pdf>.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe. Sediment from roading and private drive construction and excavation of residence pad. 170x130x2ft depth. Action already completed onsite. Wetland Mitigation Area-1 proposed 60x65x1ft Permanent Plot Area and Wetland Mitigation Area-2 proposed 5, Rain Gardens.

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. Reduce, minimize, and/or avoid by using Best Management Practices as provided in Attachments 6 of the Please see attached File ref: <K Smith Critical Area Wetland and Buffer Adjustment and Wetland Mitigation Plan.pdf>.

3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe. Yes, the property owner will be coordinating the flooding problems with the Spokane Co. Public Works Engineering department. Beth DeBoer. A detailed log is available upon request.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

Reduce, minimize, and/or avoid by using Best Management Practices as provided in Attachments 6 of the Please see attached File ref: <K Smith Critical Area Wetland and Buffer Adjustment and Wetland Mitigation Plan.pdf>.

4. Plants [\[help\]](#)

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

- xdeciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- xevergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- xshrubs
- grass
- pasture
- crop or grain
- Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
- xwet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage,
- other xwater plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?
[Aspen were removed on February 15-16, 2022.](#)

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.
[Red Band Trout and Upper Columbia River Chinook.](#)

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

[Action already completed onsite. Wetland Mitigation Area-1 proposed 60x65x1ft Permanent Plot Area and Wetland Mitigation Area-2 proposed 5, Rain Gardens. Please see attached File ref: <K Smith Critical Area Wetland and Buffer Adjustment and Wetland Mitigation Plan.pdf>.](#)

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. [Burweed, spotted knapweed, and mules ears.](#)

5. Animals [\[help\]](#)

a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site. [Deer, coyote](#)

Examples include:

birds: xhawk, heron, xeagle, xsongbirds, other:
mammals:x deer,x bear, elk, xbeaver, other: coyote
and moose.
fish: bass, xsalmon, ctROUT, herring, shellfish, other _____

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

Upper Columbia River Chinook (Extinct)

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

Northern Rocky Mountain Lower Montane-Foothill-Valley Grassland State
Conservation Rank: S3S4 ESOC; No#SGCN Associated. WDFW priority
habitat.

Please see Attachment 3 of Please see attached File ref: <K Smith Critical
Area Wetland and Buffer Adjustment and Wetland Mitigation Plan.pdf>.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

Please see Attachment 3 of Please see attached File ref: <K Smith Critical
Area Wetland and Buffer Adjustment and Wetland Mitigation Plan.pdf>.

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site. Cattle.

6. Energy and Natural Resources [\[help\]](#)

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc. Electric

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties?

If so, generally describe. **No**

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal?

List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any: **5**

Raingardens proposed around perimeter of home footprint.

7. Environmental Health [\[help\]](#)

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal?

If so, describe. **no**

1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses. **Minimal, some sediment during construction-7 months. A silt fence with straw wattles will be constructed onsite as per specification in Attachments 6. See attached File ref: <K Smith Critical Area Wetland and Buffer Adjustment and Wetland Mitigation Plan.pdf>.**

2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity. **Construction equipment excavator oil and gasoline. Action already completed onsite. A "Materials on Hand" Best Management Practices has been prepared in Attachments 6 for any future incidents onsite.**

3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.
Construction equipment excavator oil and gasoline. Action already completed onsite. A "Materials on Hand" Best Management Practices has been prepared in Attachments 6 for any future incidents onsite.

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.
Contact the Local Fire District #4 Station 43 in Elk, WA.

5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

See attached File ref: <K Smith Critical Area Wetland and Buffer Adjustment and Wetland Mitigation Plan.pdf>

Noise

6) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? **Excavator 4 hours/day M-F 8am-5pm for approximately 7 months.**

7) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site. **Short term construction**

8) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

Minimize hours to 8am-5pm, 4 hours p/day.

8. Land and Shoreline Use [\[help\]](#)

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe. **Vacant land Rural Residential.**
- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use? **Vacant land and neighboring farmland.**
- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how: **none knone.**
- c. Describe any structures on the site. **None.**
- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? **Not applicable.**
- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? **Vacant land.**
Spokane County Zoning is "Rural Traditional" ES 5/24/22
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? **Rural residential**
Spokane County Comp. Plan designation is "Rural Traditional" ES 5/24/22
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?
Type S. Little Spokane River. - to southeast
No shoreline jurisdiction appears to be on the property. ES 5/24/22
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

Yes Spokane County Building and Planning. Type S, N, and 2 associated wetlands.

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i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? 2 adults, 2 children

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? none

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: Minimal, some sediment during construction-7 months. A silt fence with straw wattles will be constructed onsite as per specification in Attachments 6. See attached File ref: <K Smith Critical Area Wetland and Buffer Adjustment and Wetland Mitigation Plan.pdf>.

L. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:
See attached File ref: <K Smith Critical Area Wetland and Buffer Adjustment and Wetland Mitigation Plan.pdf>.

I. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:
See attached File ref: <K Smith Critical Area Wetland and Buffer Adjustment and Wetland Mitigation Plan.pdf>.

9. Housing [\[help\]](#)

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. one single family home

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. one single family home

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

See attached File ref: <K Smith Critical Area Wetland and Buffer Adjustment and Wetland Mitigation Plan.pdf>.

10. Aesthetics [\[help\]](#)

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? 12ft roof pitch

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

None known

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

See attachment 6. File ref: <K Smith Critical Area Wetland and Buffer Adjustment and Wetland Mitigation Plan.pdf>.

11. Light and Glare [\[help\]](#)

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? none



b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? no

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? no

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: none

12. Recreation [\[help\]](#)

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?
City of Elk Park approx. 2 miles downstream.

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.
None known.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:
None known.

13. Historic and cultural preservation [\[help\]](#)

a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe. no

Camden Grange and Dahl/Dunbar Place located at least 1,400 feet east of site

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b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources. no

c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.
WDNR Cultural Trax ran by ECOS USA on March 7, 2021. No observations onsite. Not applicable.

d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.
Not applicable.

14. Transportation [\[help\]](#)

a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. none

b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? **no**

c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate? **none**

2+ for single-family dwelling CS 5/24/22

d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). **no**

e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. **no**

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates? **no**

Typical single-family dwelling generates 10 trips per day CS 5/24/22

g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe. **no**

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: **none**

15. Public Services [\[help\]](#)

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. **no**

A completed single-family home will result in incremental need for these public services. CS 5/24/22

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. **none**

16. Utilities [\[help\]](#)

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:

electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed. Inland power, septic system

C. Signature [\[HELP\]](#)

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: 

Name of signee Krysta A Smith

Position and Agency/Organization _____

Date Submitted: 03/25/2022



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