

# **ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST**

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## **SPOKANE ENVIRONMENTAL ORDINANCE SECTION 11.10.230**

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### WAC 197-11-11-960 AND SECTION 11.10.230

#### 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 study 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.

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.

11. Give a 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.

This proposal would allow for Commercial Wind Energy Facilities in the zoning districts of Small Tract and Large Tract Agriculture as a conditional use permit.

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. Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

13. Does the proposed action lie within the Critical Aquifer Recharge Area (CARA)? Does not apply, this is a non-action.

14. The following questions supplement Part A.

a. Critical Aquifer Recharge Area

- i. Describe any systems, other than those designed for the disposal of sanitary waste, installed for the purpose of discharging fluids below the ground surface (includes systems such as those for the disposal of stormwater or drainage from floor drains.) Describe the type of system, the amount of material to be disposed of through the system, and the types of material likely to be disposed of (including materials which may enter the system inadvertently through spills or as a result of firefighting activities). Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- ii. Will any chemicals (especially organic solvents or petroleum fuels) be stored in aboveground storage tanks? If so, what types and quantities of material will be stored? Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

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## A. Background

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: **ZTA 0004-2024**
2. Name of applicant: **Spokane County Planning Department**
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: **Joshua Warwick, Spokane County Department of Planning. 1026 W. Broadway, Spokane WA 99260. 509-477-7142**
4. Date checklist prepared: **August 13<sup>th</sup>. 2024**
5. Agency requesting checklist: **Spokane County Department of Planning**
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

**Board of County Commissioners Initiation: 08/20/2024**

**Planning Commission Public Hearing: 08/29/2024**

**Board of County Commissioners Adoption 09/17/2024**

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

**NO**

### None

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. **SEPA Checklist, SEPA Determination**
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.  
**Does not apply. This is a non-project action.**
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

**Final adoption by the Board of County Commissioners for Spokane County (Board) is needed for this proposal to become effective.**

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iii. What protective measure will be taken to insure that leaks or spills of any chemicals stored or used on site will not be allowed to percolate to groundwater. This includes measures to keep chemicals out of disposal systems. **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**

iv. Will any chemicals be stored, handled, or used on the site in a location where a spill or leak will drain to surface, groundwater, or to a stormwater disposal system discharging to surface or groundwater? **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**

b. Stormwater

i. What are the depths on the site to groundwater and to bedrock (if known)? **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**

ii. Will stormwater be discharged into the ground? If so, describe any potential impacts. **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**

## B. Environmental Elements

### 1. Earth

a. General description of the site: **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**

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Circle or highlight one: Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other:

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- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**
- 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. **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**
- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**
- 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. **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**
- f. Could erosion occur because of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**
- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any. **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**

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## 2. Air

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e. dust, automobiles, odors, industrial, wood smoke) during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**
- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any. **Does not apply. The project is a non-project action.**

## 3. Water

### a. Surface Water:

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, or wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into. **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**
2. Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent (within 200 feet) to the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans. **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**
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. **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**

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4. Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**
5. Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**
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. **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project.**

**b. Ground Water:**

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 a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**
2. Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (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. **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**

**c. Water Runoff**

- a) 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. **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**

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b) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. **Does not apply. The project is a non-project action.**

c) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe. **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**

d) Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any. **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**

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#### 4. Plants

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

- ☐ deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- ☐ evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- ☐ shrubs
- ☐ grass
- ☐ pasture
- ☐ crop or grain
- ☐ orchards, vineyards, or other permanent crops.
- ☐ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- ☐ water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- ☐ other types of vegetation

**Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? **Does not apply. The project is a non-project action.**

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any. **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**

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- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.  
**Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**

## 5. Animals

- a. List any birds and other animals that have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site. **Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**

Examples include:

- Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
- Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

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

**Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action**

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

**Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**

- c. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any.

**Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**

- d. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

**Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**

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## 6. Energy and Natural Resources

1. 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.  
**Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.**

2. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

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Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

3. 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.

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

## 7. Environmental Health

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

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

1. Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

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.

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

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.

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

4. Describe special emergency services that might be required.

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

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

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

#### b. Noise

1. What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.
2. 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)? Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.
3. Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any. Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

#### 8. Land and Shoreline Use

- 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.

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- 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 because 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?

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

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?

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

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- c. Describe any structures on the site.

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any.

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Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any.

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any.

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

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## 9. Housing

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

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

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

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

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

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

## 10. Aesthetics

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

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

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

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any.

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

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## 11. Light and Glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any.

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

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## 12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any.

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

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### 13. Historic and Cultural Preservation

- 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.

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- 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.

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- 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.

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- 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.

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

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### 14. Transportation

- 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.

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

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- 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?

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- 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).

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- 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 non-passenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

*Note: to assist in review and if known, indicate vehicle trips during PM peak, AM peak, and Weekday (24 hours).)*

- 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.

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

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- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any.

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

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## 15. Public Services

- 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.

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

## 16. Utilities

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other:

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

- 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.

Does not apply. The proposal is a non-project action.

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## C. Signature

I, the undersigned, swear under penalty of perjury that the above responses are made truthfully and to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that should there be any willful misrepresentation or willful lack of full disclosure on my part, the agency must withdraw any determination of Nonsignificance that it might issue in reliance upon this checklist.

Date: 8/13/2024 Signature: ga

Please print or Type:

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Phone: (509) 477-7153

Person completing form (if different  
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Staff member(s) reviewing checklist: Saegen Neiman

Based on this staff review of the environmental checklist and other pertinent information, the staff concludes that:

☒ A. There is no probable significant adverse impacts and recommends a Determination of Nonsignificance.

☐ B. Probable significant adverse environmental impacts do exist for the current proposal and recommends a Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance with conditions.

☐ C. There are probable significant adverse environmental impacts and recommends a Determination of Significance.

## D. Supplemental Sheet for Non-project Actions

IT IS NOT REQUIRED to use this section for project actions.

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

Commercial Wind Energy Facilities would cause an increase in noise pollution in areas where they would be permitted. There could be dust emissions from the wind turbines.

- Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

During construction and operations, the project shall comply with applicable state noise standards as found in WAC 173-60.

Future project proposed under this use would be circulated to Spokane Clean Air for comment.

All applicable air emissions permits shall be obtained, and all conditions shall be complied with.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?  
This non-project action would influence plants and animals. Specifically, plants, birds, animals (i.e. wildlife corridors)

- Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

The County shall consider recommended conditions listed in the current, and as amended, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife Wind Power Guidelines. However, any recommended conditions taken from the Guidelines or recommended by the Department of Fish and Wildlife must be reasonable and objective and address project impacts. The following conditions and requirements shall be mandatory:

Pre-assessment studies consistent with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Wind Power Guidelines effective on the date of submitting a complete permit application. Project applicants are further advised to consult with

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According to Title 13 of Spokane county code, Conditional Use Permits are categorized as Type II permits, which will require an additional Site Specific project Review of SEPA, and a Site Specific SEPA Determination.

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WDFW and local habitat/wildlife experts regarding turbine siting before making final decisions.

The facility shall use bird flight deflectors on guy supported permanent meteorological towers or un-guyed permanent meteorological towers.

The applicant shall assess and monitor raptor nests on the project site for activity prior to construction and modify construction timing and activities to avoid impacts on nesting raptors. At a minimum, one raptor nest survey during breeding season within 1-mile of the project site should be conducted to determine the location and species of active nests potentially disturbed by construction activities, and to identify active and potentially active nest sites with the highest likelihood of impacts from the operation of the wind plant. A larger survey area (e.g., a 2-mile buffer) is recommended if there is some likelihood of nesting occurrence of state and/or federally threatened and endangered raptor species (e.g., ferruginous hawk, bald eagle, golden eagle), or if empirical data on displacement impacts may be monitored after construction.

A minimum of one full season of avian use surveys is recommended following current state-of-the-art protocols to estimate the use of the project site by avian species/groups of interest during the season of most concern (usually spring/early summer). Additional seasonal data (e.g., fall or winter) is recommended in the following cases: 1) use of the project site for the avian groups of concern is estimated to be high relative to other projects, and 2) there is very little existing data regarding seasonal use of the project site. This additional avian use data should be collected to refine impact predictions and make decisions on project layout.

The County shall require the applicant to identify and remove all carcasses of livestock, big game, etc. from within the project that may attract foraging bald eagles or other raptors.

The CUP shall require the applicant to monitor the project for a minimum of one year following project start-up to estimate bird and bat fatality rates using standard protocol. The applicant shall report bird fatalities observed for the life of the project to WDFW and USFWS on a quarterly basis, unless and until these wildlife agencies waive or reduce this reporting requirement.

The applicant shall provide an assessment, which may include a literature review, and consultation with WDFW should be conducted to determine if bat surveys are needed. Appropriate methods, including species-discriminating bat detectors, radar, and survey periods and locations depend on local habitat, environmental conditions, and elevation, and vary by species and/or life stage. Site-specific bat surveys are recommended in the following cases: 1) Use of the site by bat species is estimated to be high relative to other projects, and/or 2) there is limited or no relevant data regarding seasonal use of the project site (e.g., data from nearby areas of similar habitat type).

Identification of all wildlife and open space corridors and wildlife refuges on and within five miles of the project area or each proposed tower if widely

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dispersed.

Identification of all shrub steppe, grassland, or forested habitat on and within the project area or each proposed tower, if widely dispersed developed using Best Available Science.

The applicant shall re-vegetate any disturbed areas that are not permanently occupied by the project features.

The applicant should provide a constraint map that documents and visually communicates all the environmental and human concerns and restrictions that apply within the proposed project area, thereby illuminating the best location to site a wind development.

During decommissioning, "The applicant shall repair any damage as a result of removal, restore the property to grade, and implement erosion and control devices and procedures, restoring the site as reasonably as possible to its pre project condition.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

This project could help conserve energy and help reach the state's goal of increasing green energy, but could affect agricultural lands, scrub steppe.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

While there may not be anything in the code that specifically protects these lands. The applicant would be required to identify them during the application process.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection, such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

The project could have a likely effect on these designated areas. The project would be unlikely to affect parks

- Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

There is not any specific language in the code that protects prime farmlands or endangered species habitat. The applicant would be required to meet, Identification of all shrub steppe, prime farmland, grassland, or forested habitat on and within the project area or each proposed tower, if widely dispersed.

Spokane County contains  
no designated wilderness.  
WA State DFW will  
have the ability to  
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The applicant should provide a constraint map that documents and visually communicates all the environmental and human concerns and restrictions that apply within the proposed project area, thereby illuminating the best location to site a wind development.

Identification of critical areas and their buffers, on and within 1,000 feet of the project site or each proposed tower if widely dispersed.

Site specific studies for impacts to habitat/wildlife (including avian species), cultural resources, and a grading and stormwater management plan complying with applicable local or state best management practices and stormwater quality standards, shall be submitted with the expanded checklist.

Cultural Resources. The applicant shall complete a cultural resource survey of areas of the project site that will be disturbed temporarily or permanently. During construction, the applicant shall flag and avoid cultural resources, and monitor construction activities to ensure that flagged cultural properties are avoided. The applicant shall train construction workers on the need to avoid cultural properties and procedures to follow if previously unidentified cultural properties, including Indian graves, are encountered during construction. If any previously unidentified cultural resource properties are encountered during construction, the applicant shall cease construction activities in the immediate vicinity of the site pending evaluation by a qualified archeologist and consultation with the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation to identify appropriate mitigation measures such as avoidance or scientific data recovery.

Spokane County doesn't have designated scenic rivers or wild rivers

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

Would be required to follow Spokane to Spokane County Shoreline Management Promote

- Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

While shoreline is not brought up in the text amendment, any development regarding shoreline would be subject to the Spokane County Shoreline Master Program.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

Any transportation issues would only occur during the construction of wind facilities. Future access would be limited to maintenance access.

staff does not predict any additional wastewater to be produced other than during the temporary need for oathouses during construction.

- Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

Site Access and Traffic Management. Prior to commencement of construction, the applicant shall provide the Public Works Department with a traffic management plan. All elements of the traffic management plan shall be reviewed by the County Engineer, who has discretion in determining whether or not the materials are complete or acceptable to the Public Works Department based on state law and prevailing rigorous industry standards. Required elements of the plan shall include:

Public roads to be utilized by the applicant shall be identified in the application.

Further traffic mitigation could be required @ project SEPA. Or by the Spokane County Hearing Examiner.

1. Public roads to be utilized by the applicant shall be identified in the application
2. A qualified third party engineer shall document road conditions prior to construction and again within thirty (30) days after construction is complete or as weather permits. The applicant shall enter into a county road use agreement for the repair of damage to public roads resulting from project activities.
3. Ingress and egress points shall be located and improved (if needed) in order to assure adequate structural and operational capacity for existing and projected traffic volumes and to provide efficient movement of traffic, including existing and anticipated agricultural traffic and projected construction traffic.
4. All applicable governmental permits or approvals shall have been obtained, including permits to access state or county roads (if needed), construction within state or county rights-of-way, overweight and oversize loads, weight restricted bridges and structures, haul route agreements, etc.
5. A franchise agreement pertaining to the long-term use of public rights-of-way for underground utilities, above ground utilities, private facility features, and private infrastructure.
6. All weather access roads (including graveled roads) suitable to accommodate year-round emergency response vehicles and equipment, shall be provided within 150 feet of any built structure or surface activity area.
7. Engineering studies, plans, and reports are necessary to substantiate any engineering related elements of the plan.
8. Planned phasing requirements of the traffic management plan (if required) to accommodate multi-phase or multi-year construction plans.
7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

Projects would be required to meet local, state or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

Spokane County will circulate future projects to all applicable agencies for comment & potential mitigation  
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