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RE: Wetland & Stream Evaluation – 13202 Chain Lake Road

Wetland Resources, Inc. completed a site investigation (July 29, 2015) to locate and evaluate jurisdictional wetlands and streams on and in the vicinity of the aforementioned property located in Monroe, Washington. The tax identification number for the property investigated is: 28073100202300. Guidance provided in the Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region (Version 2.0), May 2010 was used to determine wetland conditions. The purpose of this report is to officially state the conclusion drawn by Wetland Resources staff following the July site investigation: no jurisdictional wetlands were present within the subject parcel.

Site Description

The subject site is 8.61 acres in size. An old abandoned homestead sits on the north central portion of the property. A large open area in the eastern portion of the property consists mainly of pasture grasses and Canada thistle. The rest of the property is best described as upland forest. The southwestern corner is dominated by black cottonwood in the overstory with salmonberry and Himalayan blackberry in the understory. The southeastern portion is dominated by red alder with a few mature Scouler's willows and an understory of dense salmonberry and Himalayan blackberry. Also observed in the forested portions of the property were red elderberry, sword fern and lady fern.

Observed soils at the subject site, when compared with Munsell color charts, were consistently very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) from 0-7 inches, and dark brown (10YR 3/3) from 7-18+ inches. Soil texture was sandy loam, and soils were very dry when observed in July.

Wetland and Stream Determination

No wetlands or streams were observed on-site or in the immediate vicinity of the subject property. After consulting aerial photography and USDA soil surveys for the surrounding area, it was determined that an area approximately 530 feet north-northwest of the property (on the north side of Chain Lakes Road) could potentially meet wetland criteria. This was not field verified due to lack of legal access. Per Monroe Municipal Code (MMC) 20.05.080(D) the maximum potential buffer cast by a wetland in Monroe is 200 feet. No potential use of the subject property will impact the buffer of a wetland at that distance.

Use of this Report

This Wetland and Stream Evaluation Report is supplied to Linda Gilmartin as a means of determining on-site wetland and stream conditions. This report is based largely on readily observable conditions and, to a lesser extent, on readily ascertainable conditions. No attempt has been made to determine hidden or concealed conditions. Reports may be adversely affected due to the physical condition of the site and the difficulty of access, which may lead to observation or probing difficulties.

The laws applicable to wetlands are subject to varying interpretations and may be changed at any time by the courts or legislative bodies. This report is intended to provide information deemed relevant in the applicant's attempt to comply with the laws now in effect.

The work for this report has conformed to the standard of care employed by wetland ecologists. No other representation or warranty is made concerning the work or this report and any implied representation or warranty is disclaimed.

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