



June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Scott Reynolds  
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Via email to: [sreynolds@redmond.gov](mailto:sreynolds@redmond.gov)

Re: Holmgren Short Plat; SEPA-2018-00504

Dear Mr. Reynolds,

The Snoqualmie Indian Tribe respectfully submits the following comments regarding the apparent seasonal stream on the Holmgren site. While we understand that the DNS comment period associated with this proposal expired on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, we request that the City of Redmond accept these comments for the record, since no decision has been issued as of this date. We reviewed the Holmgren documents published on the City's land use website during the comment period. From the documents supplied there, a reviewer does not get a sufficient understanding of the contention around the point of whether or not a seasonal stream exists or existed on the Holmgren site; therefore we declined to comment at that time. This point of contention around the seasonal stream was only fully brought to our attention this week, by a concerned neighbor of the Holmgren site, who was able to provide documentation that was not presented by the City in the published file. We then immediately followed up with City staff, and have now learned that City planning staff believe and have documented that the site was altered in a manner to conceal the presence of a seasonal stream. We are disappointed that the City did not make this information apparent to reviewers, and we request that with this omission the City give some leniency in allowing these comments to become part of the project record.

It is our understanding that a seasonal stream on the Holmgren site has been present on City, DNR and WDFW maps for quite some time, and that neighbors have documented seasonal surface flow in the subject topographical depression. Additionally, it is our understanding that the stream was altered at some time in the recent past through the installation of drain rock and possible a pipe, in order to conceal historically naturally occurring seasonal surface flow in order to make the site more easily developable. This is concerning, and we request that the City document this situation on the record, investigate it, and make an appropriate determination using qualified professionals with experience with City of Redmond code. Seasonal streams serve important functions in a watershed. They are hydrologically connected to upstream and downstream wetlands and streams,



and from our understanding of the Holmgren site, the subject stream likely served critical water quality and flood attenuation (hydrologic) functions prior to its recent alteration. We request that the City and the applicant work together to find a way to preserve these functions while also being able to pursue landowner management goals at the site.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions please contact Matt Baerwalde, Snoqualmie Indian Tribe Water Quality Manager.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Baerwalde", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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