

# State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) WAC 197-11-340 Threshold Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

**Project Name:** Project Name & Project Number

**Proponent(s):** Name Okanogan County Office of Planning and Development  
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**Project Summary**

The Okanogan County Department of Planning & Development has published proposed revisions to the Okanogan County Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) for public review.

The SEPA Responsible Official has withdrawn the Determination of significance issued on January 4, 2009 and has issued a Threshold Determination of Non-Significance in accordance with WAC 197-11-360 (4) after review of an environmental checklist prepared for this proposal. The SEPA Responsible Official has determined there is no likelihood of probable, significant, and adverse impacts as a result of this proposal. The FEIS prepared for the revisions to OCC title 17A Zone Code is an attachment to the environmental checklist in accordance with WAC 197-11-600 (2).

The proposed draft of the CAO was reviewed by the Okanogan County Regional Planning Commission and has completed the 60 day review by the Department of Commerce. Adoption of the proposed revisions to the CAO will satisfy the procedural requirements of Revised Code of Washington 36.70A.130 (4) (d). The Board of County Commissioners has ordered that further review of the CAO be initiated soon after adoption of the proposed draft to satisfy the procedural requirements of RCW 36.70A.130 (5) (d)

Comments regarding the threshold determination may be submitted in writing to the address listed below. Deadline for submitting comments regarding this threshold determination will be 5:00 pm, October 14, 2016.

Date of publishing is September 28, 2016.

A copy of the current draft of the Critical Areas Ordinance and environmental checklist supporting this determination may be found on line at <http://www.okanogancounty.org/planning/index.html> beginning Wednesday September 28, 2016.

Questions regarding this proposal may be directed to Angie Hubbard, Planner II, Okanogan County Office of Planning and Development, 123 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Suite 130 Okanogan, WA 98840 (509) 422-7090 or [ahubbard@co.okanogan.wa.us](mailto:ahubbard@co.okanogan.wa.us)

Comments regarding this proposal and threshold determination may be submitted to Okanogan County Office of Planning and Development, Perry Huston, Director of Planning, 123 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Suite 130 Okanogan, WA 98840 (509) 422-7218 or [phuston@co.okanogan.wa.us](mailto:phuston@co.okanogan.wa.us)

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**Threshold Determination**

- DNS:** Okanogan County Planning & Development issued a Threshold Determination of Non-Significance in accordance with WAC 197-11-340, identifying the proposal would not have a probable, significant, and adverse environmental impact.



# **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:*** [\[help\]](#)

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: [\[help\]](#)  
Critical Areas Ordinance (2010 Revision)
2. Name of applicant: [\[help\]](#)  
Okanogan County Office of Planning and Development

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: [\[help\]](#)

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Angela Hubbard, Natural Resource Planner II  
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4. Date checklist prepared: [\[help\]](#)

September 22, 2016

5. Agency requesting checklist: [\[help\]](#)

Okanogan County Office of Planning and Development

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): [\[help\]](#)

Okanogan County is in the final process of adopting our 2010 revision of our Critical Areas Ordinance to meet the statutory obligations in 36.70A. This action follows the adoption of a revised Okanogan County Comprehensive Plan and revised zone code subsequent to that. The review process for the Critical Areas Ordinance began in 2009. The first Planning Commission hearing was held in November of 2010. The Planning Commission continued their deliberations through 2012 holding another hearing where they took verbal and written testimony on April 23, 2012. They continued deliberations another year before finally transmitting the CAO to the Board of County Commissioners on April 22, 2013.

The proposed draft of the CAO was reviewed by the Okanogan County Regional Planning Commission and has completed the 60 day review by the Department of Commerce. Adoption of the proposed revisions to the CAO will satisfy the procedural requirements of Revised Code of Washington 36.70A.130 (4) (d). The Board of County Commissioners has ordered that further review of the CAO be initiated soon after adoption of this proposed draft to satisfy the procedural requirements of RCW 36.70A.130 (5) (d)

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. [\[help\]](#)

The BOCC has ordered further review of the CAO to start after adoption of the proposed draft.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. [\[help\]](#)

An Final Environmental Impact Statement has been released regarding Title 17A Okanogan County Zoning Ordinance. A great deal of the analysis contained in the FEIS is relevant to the review of this proposed CAO.

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. [\[help\]](#)

No pending applications related this proposal are known to Okanogan County.

The Department of Commerce has finished their 60 day review. The Planning Commission has held numerous hearings on the CAO and has transmitted the document to the Board of County Commissioners for their review and adoption procedure.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. [\[help\]](#) There are no other government approvals or permits necessary for this proposal. The proposal will be assumed valid on adoption.

The Department of Commerce has finished their 60 day review. The Planning Commission has held numerous hearings on the CAO and has transmitted the document to the Board of County Commissioners for their review and adoption procedure.

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

Okanogan County is required by RCW 36.70A to adopt regulation to protect critical areas as defined in statute. The County is further required to review and if necessary update the critical areas ordinance. The proposed draft satisfies the procedural requirement in RCW 36.70A.130 (4) (D). The Planning Commission was eventually completed and a draft was transmitted to the Board of County Commissioners on April 22, 2013 for their review and adoption. As Okanogan County was still in the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan the CAO was delayed to facilitate the review for consistency between the two documents. The Comprehensive Plan was subsequently adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in December of 2014. After review and adoption of this proposed draft of the CAO the BOCC has directed staff to begin the process of reviewing the CAO to comply with the 2018 deadline directed by RCW 36.70A.130 (5) (D).

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. [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance covers all the land in Okanogan County excluding the boundaries of the Colville Confederated Tribe Reservation and land within the incorporated cities. The CAO works in conjunction with the Shoreline Masters Program for those areas within the jurisdiction area of the SMP as well as the zone code, flood management regulation, and building codes administered by Okanogan County. The CAO also works in conjunction with on-site septic regulations enforced by the Okanogan County Public Health District.

## **B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS** [\[help\]](#)

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

a. General description of the site: [\[help\]](#)

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other \_\_\_\_\_

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? [\[help\]](#)

Steep slopes considered geologically hazardous areas that meet the classification system contained in section 14.12.380, or 14.12.410 would be regulated under this critical areas ordinance.

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. [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance encompasses all of Okanogan County. Therefore, Okanogan County conations all soil types published within the Natural Resource Conservation Service Soil Survey for Okanogan County. The CAO will influence the management of agricultural lands through the Voluntary Stewardship Program yet to be adopted. The VSP will be a sub-set of the adopted CAO when completed.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

Steep slopes considered geologically hazardous areas that meet the classification system contained in section 14.12.380, or 14.12.410 would be regulated under this critical areas ordinance.

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. [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance is a programmatic process therefore source of fill and quantities are not associated with adoption of CAO.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance is a programmatic process therefore erosion as a result of clearing is not associated with adoption of CAO. However erosion hazard areas that meet the criteria found in section 14.12.380 would be regulated under this chapter.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance is a programmatic process therefore impervious surfaces are not associated with adoption of CAO. However, if the impervious surface impacts critical areas under this chapter certain regulations will apply depending on the type of critical area impacted.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance is a programmatic process therefore measures to control erosion is not associated with adoption of the CAO. However erosion hazard areas that meet the criteria found in section 14.12.380 would be regulated under this chapter.

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

The Critical Areas Ordinance is a programmatic process therefore air emissions are not associated with adoption of CAO. The CAO does not regulate air emissions.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance is a programmatic process therefore air emissions are not associated with adoption of CAO. The CAO does not regulate air emissions.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: [\[help\]](#)

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

### 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, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into. [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance is a programmatic process that covers all of Okanogan County. Wetlands are classified under section 14.12.570 and are protected through buffers established in section 14.12.630 or Mitigation plans if necessary.

Analysis conducted as a result of the FEIS prepared in 2016 for the zone code revisions concluded that current regulation has been effective in preventing probably, significant, and adverse environmental impacts. The proposed CAO does not diminish the protective regulation applied to the critical areas identified in statute.

- 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. [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance is a programmatic process that covers all of Okanogan County. Wetlands are classified under section 14.12.570 and are protected through buffers established in section 14.12.630 or Mitigation plans if necessary.

No work specific to this proposal will be conducted within 200 ft of any water body.

- 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. [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance is a programmatic process that covers all of Okanogan County. Wetlands are classified under section 14.12.570 and are protected through buffers established in section 14.12.630 or Mitigation plans if necessary.

No work specific to this proposal will result in placing of any fill or dredge material.

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#)

No

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance is a programmatic process that applies to all areas considered floodplain in the unincorporated areas and is regulated under section 14.12.340-360.

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. [\[help\]](#)

NO

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 general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#)

No

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. [\[help\]](#)

NO

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. [\[help\]](#)

NO

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

NO

3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

NO

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

NO

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

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site: [\[help\]](#)

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

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance is a programmatic process therefore no vegetation removal will occur as a result of this proposal.

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

Okanogan County contains Threatened and Endangered species including the following:

American White Pelican, Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse, Greater Sage Grouse, Lynx, and Western Gray Squirrel. This list of species is protected under our critical areas ordinance under sections 14.12.260-330.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: [\[help\]](#)

N/A

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance is a programmatic process therefore, noxious weeds will not be affected by the adoption of this ordinance. The control of noxious weeds is allowed within buffer areas.

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

Examples include:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:

mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:  
fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other \_\_\_\_\_

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

Okanogan County contains Threatened and Endangered species including the following:

American White Pelican, Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse, Greater Sage Grouse, Lynx, and Western Gray Squirrel. This list of species is protected under our critical areas ordinance under sections 14.12.260-330.

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. [\[help\]](#)

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American White Pelican, Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse, Greater Sage Grouse, Lynx, and Western Gray Squirrel. This list of species is protected under our critical areas ordinance under sections 14.12.260-330.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance has various classifications of habitat that are protected under the ordinance in sections 14.12.300-320

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance does not contain regulations for invasive animal species.

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

N/A

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

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: [\[help\]](#)

N/A

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

NO

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

[\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance is a programmatic process that covers all areas of

Okanogan County.

- 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. [\[help\]](#)

N/A

- 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. [\[help\]](#)

N/A

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required. [\[help\]](#)

N/A

- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance is a programmatic process that covers all areas of Okanogan County. The control of environmental health hazards will be review on a site specific basis.

b. Noise [\[help\]](#)

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? [\[help\]](#)

N/A

- 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. [\[help\]](#)

N/A

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

N/A

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. [\[help\]](#)

N/A

- 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? [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance covers all areas of Okanogan County. No farm or forest lands will be converted as a result of this proposal. Agricultural lands and forest lands used for agricultural activities will be influenced through the Voluntary Stewardship Program. (see response to item B (1) (c))

- 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: [\[help\]](#)

NO

c. Describe any structures on the site. [\[help\]](#)

N/A

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? [\[help\]](#)

N/A

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance covers all areas of Okanogan County. While the Zoning Classification will not be affected by the adoption of this proposal the regulation contained therein can impact the permitted uses, conditional uses, and other provisions of the zone code with the objective of protecting critical areas impacted as a result of land use activities.

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance covers all areas of Okanogan County. The Comprehensive Plan designation will not be affected by the adoption of this proposal.

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance covers all areas of Okanogan County however, the Shoreline Master Program will not be affected by the adoption of this ordinance. Critical areas that intersect within Shoreline jurisdiction are regulated by Okanogan Counties Shoreline Master Program.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify. [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance is a programmatic process that covers all land in Okanogan County. It is through the CAO that critical areas are identified in accordance with the classifications in statute.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? [\[help\]](#)

N/A

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? [\[help\]](#)

N/A

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

N/A

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance is a programmatic process that covers all areas of Okanogan County and requires consistency with all of our other programs including the Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and Shoreline Master program.

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any: [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance covers all areas of Okanogan County. No farm or forest

lands will be impacted as a result of this proposal. Agricultural lands and forest lands used for agricultural activities will be influenced through the Voluntary Stewardship Program.  
( see response to item B (1) ( c)

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

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [\[help\]](#)

N/A

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [\[help\]](#)

N/A

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

N/A

**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? [\[help\]](#)

N/A

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? [\[help\]](#)

N/A

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

N/A

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

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? [\[help\]](#)

None

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? [\[help\]](#)

No

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? [\[help\]](#)

None

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

N/A

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

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? [\[help\]](#)

N/A

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)  
No

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: [\[help\]](#)  
None

**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. [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance is a programmatic process that covers all areas of Okanogan County. The CAO does not regulate Historic or Cultural Resources. No Historic or cultural areas will be impacted by the adoption of this CAO.

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. [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance is a programmatic process that covers all areas of Okanogan County. The CAO does not regulate Historic or Cultural Resources. No cultural resources will be impacted by the adoption of this CAO.

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. [\[help\]](#)

The Critical Areas Ordinance is a programmatic process that covers all areas of Okanogan County. The CAO does not regulate Historic or Cultural Resources. No Cultural resources will be impacted by the adoption of this CAO.

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. [\[help\]](#)  
None

**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. [\[help\]](#)

The CAO is a programmatic process that covers all areas of Okanogan County. Construction activities associated with the expansion of existing or creation of new public streets and highways will be regulated where those activities intersect with critical areas with the objective of protecting the critical area..

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? [\[help\]](#)

N/A

c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate? [\[help\]](#)

N/A

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

No

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

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? [\[help\]](#)

N/A

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. [\[help\]](#)

No

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

The CAO is a programmatic process that covers all areas of Okanogan County, expansion of existing or creating new public streets and highways may be regulated where those activities will intersect with critical areas.

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

No

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. [\[help\]](#)

None in CAO

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

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: [\[help\]](#)  
electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,  
other \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

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. [\[help\]](#)

N/A

**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: Angela Hubbard

Name of signee Angela Hubbard

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Date Submitted: 09/22/2014

**D. supplemental sheet for nonproject actions** [\[help\]](#)

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet 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?

The adoption of the critical areas ordinance will not increase any of these.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

N/A

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

The critical areas ordinance regulates activities that impact Fish and Wildlife Habitat Areas and Wetlands. The draft proposal does not diminish the protective regulation in place. Analysis completed in the FEIS issued in 2016 regarding the review of the revised zone code concluded that current regulations has prevented probable, significant, and adverse impacts to the environment.

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

See answer above

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

The Critical Areas Ordinance will not deplet energy or natural resources.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:  
Natural Resources in the form of Critical Areas will be protected under this ordinance.

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 Critical Areas Ordinance provides protection for environmentally sensitive areas through the regulation of Fish and Wildlife Habitat Areas and wetlands, etc. The draft proposal does not diminish the protective regulation in place. Analysis completed in the FEIS issued in 2016 regarding the review of the revised zone code concluded that current regulations has prevented probable, significant, and adverse impacts to the environment.

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

The Critical Areas Ordinance provides protection for environmentally sensitive areas through the regulation of Fish and Wildlife Habitat Areas and wetlands, etc. The draft proposal does not diminish the protective regulation in place. Analysis completed in the FEIS issued in 2016 regarding the review of the revised zone code concluded that current regulations has prevented probable, significant, and adverse impacts to the environment

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?

The Critical Areas Ordinance provides protection for environmentally sensitive areas through the regulation of Fish and Wildlife Habitat Areas and wetlands, etc. Critical Areas that intersect with the Shoreline jurisdiction will be regulated under our Shoreline Master Program.

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

The Critical Areas Ordinance provides protection for environmentally sensitive areas through the regulation of Fish and Wildlife Habitat Areas and wetlands, etc. Critical Areas that intersect with the Shoreline jurisdiction will be regulated under our Shoreline Master Program.

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

N/A

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

N/A

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

The Critical Areas Ordinance is required to be consistent with local, state and federal laws. Review of the proposal has concluded it is consistent with applicable local, state, and federal law.