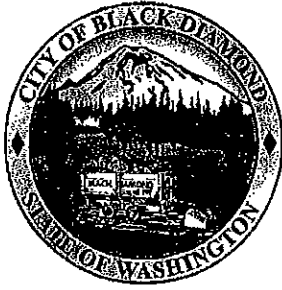


APPENDIX A



CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND

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Determination of Non-significance (DNS) File No. PLN12-0020

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Responsible official: Steve Pilcher, AICP

Position/title: Community Development Director **Phone:** 360-886-5700

Address: P.O. Box 599, Black Diamond, WA 98010

Date: September 28, 2012

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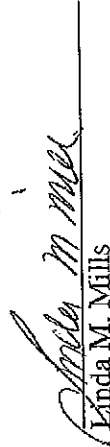
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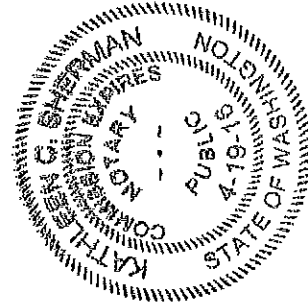
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CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

WAC 197-11-960 Environmental Checklist

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

City of Black Diamond General Sewer Plan

2. Name of applicant:

City of Black Diamond

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

***Contact Person Seth Boettcher, P.E.
 360-886-5711, office phone***

***Mailing Address City of Black Diamond
 P.O. Box 599
 Black Diamond, WA 98010***

***City Hall Location 24301 Roberts Drive
 Black Diamond, WA***

4. Date checklist prepared:

August, 2012

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Black Diamond, Planning Department

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

Planning Commission Review will be in September and October 2013;

Department of Ecology Review will be in September and October

***Black Diamond City Council Review and adoption in November/ December
2013.***

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

The City of Black Diamond's sewer collection plans may change from time to time. Such revision will be incorporated in future updates of the Plan. Each project implementation will consider alternatives and will be reviewed through the SEPA process as applicable.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

No other environmental reports have been prepared directly related to this proposal.

The environmental impact statements for the Villages Master Planned Development and the Lawson Hill Master Planned Development (December 2009) have information related to sewer service in Black Diamond.

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.

The Master Planned Development Projects are approved and are moving toward construction.

The King County Sewer Storage Project is in the planning phase.

No other specific applications for governmental approvals of other proposals are known at this time.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

No other government approval is needed for approval of the City of Black Diamond General Sewer Plan other than the City of Black Diamond City council approval.

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.)

The City of Black Diamond General Sewer Plan defines the concept for collecting sewage within the City of Black Diamond, projects the amount of expected sewage growth, identifies the major implementing projects, assesses the financing of the major projects and suggests policies to the City Council for consideration.

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.

The City of Black Diamond General Sewer Plan covers the entire City limits, but leaves the general sewer service planning in the Soos Creek sewer service area up to the Soos Creek Sewer District. (The northwest portion of Black Diamond surrounding Lake Sawyer)

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

EVALUATION FOR
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B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

- a. General description of the site (circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other
- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?
- 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 prime farmland.
- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.
- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.
- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

Sections 1(a) through 1(h) do not apply to the proposed adoption of Black Diamond's General Sewer Plan. Please refer to Section D, Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions, which provides programmatic-level environmental impact information.

2. Air

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and 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.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

Sections 2(a) through 2(c) do not apply to the proposed adoption of Black Diamond's General Sewer Plan. Please refer to Section D, Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions, which provides programmatic-level environmental impact information.

3. Water

- a. Surface:
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.
 - 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year flood plain? If so, note location on the site plan.

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.

b. Ground:

1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

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.

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.

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

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

Sections 3(a) through 3(d) do not apply to the proposed adoption of Black Diamond's General Sewer Plan. Please refer to Section D, Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions, which provides programmatic-level environmental impact information.

4. **Plants**

a. Check or circle 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

— 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?

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

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

Sections 4(a) through 4(d) do not apply to the proposed adoption of Black Diamond's General Sewer Plan. Please refer to Section D, Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions, which provides programmatic-level environmental impact information.

5. **Animals**

- a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

Birds: Hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds,

other:

Mammals: Deer, bear, elk, beaver,

other:

Fish: Bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish,

other:

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

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

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

Sections 5(a) through 5(d) do not apply to the proposed adoption of Black Diamond's General Sewer Plan. Please refer to Section D, Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions, which provides programmatic-level environmental impact information.

6. **Energy and natural resources**

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

Sections 6(a) through 6(c) do not apply to the proposed adoption of Black Diamond's General Sewer Plan. Please refer to Section D, Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions, which provides programmatic-level environmental impact information.

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 as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

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

b. Noise

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

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.

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

Sections 7(a) and 7(b) do not apply to the proposed adoption of Black Diamond's General Sewer Plan. Please refer to Section D, Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions, which provides programmatic-level environmental impact information.

8. Land and shoreline use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

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

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

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

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

h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.

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

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project?

- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:
- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

Sections 8(a) through 8(l) do not apply to the proposed adoption of Black Diamond's General Sewer Plan. Please refer to Section D, Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions, which provides programmatic-level environmental impact information.

9. **Housing**

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.
- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

Sections 9(a) through 9(c) do not apply to the proposed adoption of Black Diamond's General Sewer Plan. Please refer to Section D, Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions, which provides programmatic-level environmental impact information.

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?
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

Sections 10(a) through 10(c) do not apply to the proposed adoption of Black Diamond's General Sewer Plan. Please refer to Section D, Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions, which provides programmatic-level environmental impact information.

11. **Light and glare**

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?
- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?
- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

Sections 11(a) through 11(d) do not apply to the proposed adoption of Black Diamond's General Sewer Plan. Please refer to Section D,

Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions, which provides programmatic-level environmental impact information.

12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?
- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

Sections 12(a) through 12(c) do not apply to the proposed adoption of Black Diamond's General Sewer Plan. Please refer to Section D, Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions, which provides programmatic-level environmental impact information.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

- a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.
- b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:

Sections 13(a) through 13(c) do not apply to the proposed adoption of Black Diamond's General Sewer Plan. Please refer to Section D, Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions, which provides programmatic-level environmental impact information.

14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.
- b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?
- c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?
- d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).
- e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.
- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.

- Sections 14(a)through 14(g) do not apply to the proposed adoption of Black Diamond's General Sewer Plan. Please refer to Section D, Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions, which provides programmatic-level environmental impact information.***

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: Fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

- Sections 15(a) and 15(b) do not apply to the proposed adoption of Black Diamond's General Sewer Plan. Please refer to Section D, Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions, which provides programmatic-level environmental impact information.***

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

- Sections 16(a) and 16(b) do not apply to the proposed adoption of Black Diamond's General Sewer Plan. Please refer to Section D, Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions, which provides programmatic-level environmental impact information.***

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.

Date Submitted:

(do not use this sheet for project actions)

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.

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The General Sewer plan does not create, increase the amount or strength of sewage in Black Diamond but rather proposes the most efficient and environmentally sensitive way to collect sewage from the Black Diamond Urban Growth Area. The City collects the local sewage generated within the Black Diamond sewer service area and discharges the sewage to Regional King County Facilities for conveyance to and treatment at the Renton Treatment Sewage Treatment Plant.

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

The Black Diamond General Sewer Plan seeks to reduce the impact to sensitive areas by locating key features and collection points in gravel outwash areas and avoids as much as possible and practical the impacts to wetlands. As the City provides for a well-planned, maintained and efficient sewer collection system the plants, animals and fish will be in and around the urban area will be protected to a greater degree.

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

Although the City of Black Diamond is expected to grow, the General Sewer Plan proposes efficient sewage pumping plan which avoids pumping sewage twice.

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, flood plains, or prime farmlands?

The risk of sewer overflows into wetlands will be reduced by planning the major sewage collection point for the future growth of the city away from major wetlands and planning crossings where wetland or creeks are narrow. The General Sewer Plan also avoids pumping sewage back to the Jones Lake core wetland area to avoid wetland impacts. Central Collection in the gravel outwash area of the City is a lower risk area to the environment from potential sewer overflows. For the most part, new sewage collection lines will be within road rights of way. The City is encouraging King County to relocate the regional storage project to the western gravel outwash area.

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 General Sewer Plan supports the City's Comprehensive Plan which concentrates development in areas most compatible for development and preserves the most sensitive areas of the City.

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

As the City grows the General Sewer Plan will guide the City in developing an efficient high quality sewer collection system.

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

The Black Diamond General Sewer Plan does not conflict with any known local, state or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.