

USACE Permit Notification

Reference Number: NWS- 2018-0564-

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Greetings

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has received a permit application for the following actions: Construct a 31 turbine wind power facility by placing up to 87 cubic yards over 0.026 acres of stream and 0.347 acres of category II and III wetlands for 14 permanent road crossings. Up to 18 temporary crossings will be constructed over 0.126 acres of stream and 1.8 acres of wetland using timber mats and rail ties but there will be no excavation or fill associated with the temporary crossings. Mitigation for permanent and temporary impacts will consist of removing cattle and installing wetland plants to lift wetland functions on 21 acres of on-site wetlands using the credit/debit method. The purpose of the project is to provide access for construction and future maintenance of individual wind turbines.

Note 1: The project area covers multiple TRSs:

Sections 18,19,20, 29, 30 / T 19 / R18E

Section 17/ T19/R18E

S21/T19/R18E

S25/T19/R17E

S13/T19/R17E

Note 2: Copies of the wetland delineation and mitigation reports should be requested from Matthew Boyle at: matthewb@gretteassociates.com

Lead Agency-if not USACE:

EPA/CERCLA

Name of Applicant: Desert Claim Wind Power, LLC

Type of Permit: Section 404 Section 10

Nationwide 14, Regional General Letter of Permission Individual

Location In Tributary creeks and wetland at/near Ellensburg

Kittitas Co., Washington

Proj Latitude: 47.1243 Longitude: -120.6338

Township: 19 Range: 18 E Section: 19

Endangered Species Act, Section 7:

The Corps is assessing potential impacts to listed and proposed species and their critical habitat in the project area and will consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service if required.

Essential Fish Habitat (EFH):

The Corps is assessing potential impacts to EFH. If we determine that the proposed action may adversely affect EFH, we will initiate EFH consultation with the NMFS.

Fisheries:

The Corps is assessing potential impacts to usual and accustomed fishing practices, tribal fisheries, and fisheries habitat in the project area. We are requesting your comments.

Cultural/Historic Resources:

The Corps is reviewing this permit and will assess potential impacts to historic properties. We are requesting your comments and would like to know if you have any knowledge or concerns regarding historic properties, including sites of religious and cultural significance that would be potentially affected by the permitted activity.

Response Deadline:

Please note, we will assume that you have no comments and no objections to the permit application if we do not receive a response to this notification within 10 calendar days.

You may also request an extension of 15 calendar days if you intend to provide substantive, site-specific comments, but the request must be submitted within the comment period listed above. If notified of the time extension request, we will wait until the close of the time extension period before making a permit decision. We will fully consider all comments received.

Additional Information:

Attached is a set of project drawings. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely

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