**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:**

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**

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: *Nelson Layman Clearing/Grading*

2. Name of applicant: *Nelson Layman*
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: 33826 NE 20th St, Carnation, WA 98014 425-766-0668 Contact: Simone Oliver 425-333-4635

4. Date checklist prepared: 2/8/2021

5. Agency requesting checklist: King County DPER

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): Construct Summer/Fall 2021

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. Yes, Construct SFR. Application No. DWEL 19-0259

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. Wetland Delineation/Classification by Altman-Oliver

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. Building Permit Review at King County DWEL 19-0259

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. King County approval of Clear/Grade Permit and Building Permit for SFR.

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.) Clearing & Grading associated with construction of new single family residence. Site area 6.82 acres. Disturbed area 0.75 ac.

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. 33826 NE 20th St, Carnation, WA Tax Parcel No 272507-9035

B. Environmental Elements [HELP]

1. Earth [help]
   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)? 50%
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. **Underlying soils are permeable sands and gravels.**

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. **Offsite streambed has eroded in the past.**

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. **Approximately 150 cu yd of fill was placed without a permit. This fill material will be removed, placed SW of new residence and landscaped.**

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. **No. Fill will be removed and placed in thin lifts and landscaped.**

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? **17%**

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: **Erosion control fencing during construction. Roof downspouts will be connected to infiltration trenches.**

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. **Emissions from equipment during site grading. After construction, emissions from new single family residence.**

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. **None known.**

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: **New home will meet energy and emission standards adopted by King County and State of Washington.**

3. **Water [help]**

a. Surface Water: [help]

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. **Yes. On-site pond was constructed with the subdivision that created the subject lot.**
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. Yes. Plans for new residence have been submitted and are being reviewed by King County DWEL 19-0259

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. Approximately 150 cu yd of fill material was placed and will be removed, replaced on-site and landscaped.

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. No

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. No

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. No. Storm drainage from the roof of the new residence will be collected in downspout drains and directed to on-site infiltration trenches.

b. Ground Water: [help]

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. Yes. Well is existing and is an approved water source.

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. The drainfield for the new residence has been reviewed, inspected and approved by King County Health Department.

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. Roof runoff will be collected in downspouts and directed to infiltration trenches.

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. Ground water was not encountered during construction of drainfield for septic system.
3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe. **No.**

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any: **Roof drainage will be collected in downspouts and connected to infiltration trenches.**

4. **Plants** [help]
   a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:
      
      - **x** deciduous tree: **alder, maple, aspen, other**
      - **x** evergreen tree: **fir, cedar, pine, other**
      - **x** shrubs
      - **x** grass
      - **x** pasture
      - **x** crop or grain
      - **x** Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
      - **x** wet soil plants: **cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other**
      - **x** water plants: **water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other**
      - **x** other types of vegetation

   b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?  
      Lawn and emergent wetland vegetation along the pond edge as part of the restoration work.

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.
   Potential bull trout.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:
   Upon completion of the restoration grading work, the site will be restored between the top of bank and pond edge with native woody plants. Other graded areas will be restored to lawn.

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.
   Himalayan and evergreen blackberry, reed canarygrass.

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.

   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. None known

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. No

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: The majority of the site is within a Native Growth Protection Easement (NGPE)

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site. None known

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. Electric energy supplied by PSE will be used to meet the project's energy needs.

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. 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: New SFR will meet current King County and State of Washington energy code requirements.

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. No

1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses. None known

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. None

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. None
4) Describe special emergency services that might be required. *Emergency services such as Fire and Medic One may be required for future residents of new SFR.*

5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: *Erosion control measures such as silt fabric fencing and rocked construction entry will be provided during construction.*

b. Noise

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? *None. Large residential lots surround the subject property.*

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. *New single family residence will replace existing mobile home on site. No noise impact.*

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: *New SFR will be insulated per energy code which also helps control noise impacts associated with a SFR.*

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. *Site currently has a mobile home and shop building. Existing mobile home will be replaced with a new SFR which will not affect nearby properties. Site and surrounding properties are SFR.*

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? *No*

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: *No*

c. Describe any structures on the site. *Existing mobile home and shop building*
d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? *Existing mobile home will be demolished or moved off-site.*

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? *RA5*

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

g. If applicable, what is the current shorelinemaster program designation of the site? *N/A*

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify. *Yes. The majority of the site is protected by an NGPE established by Short Plat.*

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

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? *Zero*

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: *N/A*

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: *Single family residential use will continue.*

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any: *N/A*

9. Housing  [help]

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. *One, middle income*

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. *One mobile home previously used as rental*

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: *None*
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? 35 ft, wood frame construction

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? The majority of the property is within a Native Growth Protection Easement (NGPE)

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: Existing mobile home is older and unsightly. It will be replaced with a new SFR.

11. Light and Glare [help]
a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? Light and glare associated with a single family residence, mainly during evening hours.

c. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? No

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? None
d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: None

12. Recreation [help]
a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? Carnation Trail

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. No

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: 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. No

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. No

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. **Most of the site is within a Native Growth Protection Easement (NGPE). New SFR will replace an older mobile home.**

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. N/A

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. **NE 20th St.**

   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? No. **Not known.**

   c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate? **4 new, 2 eliminated**

   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). No

   e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. 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? *10 vehicular trips associated with a single family residence*

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. *No*

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: *None. New SFR will replace existing mobile home.*

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. *No. New SFR will replace existing mobile home.*

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. *None*

16. Utilities [*help]*

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

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. *No new utilities needed. Existing electrical service will be upgraded.*

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: [Signature]

Name of signer: *Simone Oliver*

Position and Agency/Organization: *Agent*

Date Submitted: *2-10-2021*