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**MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (MDNS)- WAC 197-11-340(2)**  
**Effie Estates Preliminary Major Subdivision**  
**File NO. SUB 22-003**

**Description of proposal:** Major subdivision that will result in the creation of 15 residential lots. The total project area is approximately 2.72 acres. The lots will encompass all of this area except the ROW. The development will include a street and utilities to serve the proposed residential lots.

**PROPONENT:** GMB USA Limited – Jeffrey Bruton, PO Box 2710, Sequim, WA 98382.

**PROJECT LEAD:** Same as proponent.

**Location of Proposal:** The proposal is located at the NE corner of south 7th Ave and west Hemlock St. Lot 1 of Short Plat recorded October 26, 2007 in Volume 32 of Short Plats, page 100, under Auditor's File No. 2007 1211230, located in the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 19, Township 30 North, Range 3 West, W.M., Clallam County, WA. The tax parcel number is 033019349180.

**Lead Agency:** City of Sequim

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not pose a probable significant adverse environmental impact. Therefore, an environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information submitted by the applicant and on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public upon request.

This **MDNS** is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2). **Comments** on the **MDNS** for this proposal will be accepted no later than August 10, 2022 and shall be as specific as possible and may address either the adequacy of the environmental documents or the merits of the alternatives discussed or both.

**Responsible Official:** Steven Lachnicht  
**Address:** City of Sequim, 152 W. Cedar Street, Sequim, WA 98382  
**Phone:** 360-681-3426

**Date:** July 26, 2022

**Signature:**   
Steven Lachnicht, SEPA Responsible Official

You may appeal this determination in writing to the responsible official listed above no later than 21 calendar days from the date of this notice.

You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. Contact the responsible official to read or ask about procedures for SEPA appeals.

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SEPA Mitigation requirements**

- WATER QUALITY

All site construction shall be conducted in compliance with the most current Stormwater Manual for Western Washington.

Erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading, or construction. These control measures must be effective to prevent stormwater runoff from carrying soil and other pollutants into surface water or storm drains that lead to waters of the state. Sand, silt, clay particles, and soil will damage aquatic habitat and are considered to be pollutants. Any discharge of sediment-laden runoff or other pollutants to waters of the state is in violation of Chapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution Control, and WAC 173-201A, Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington, and is subject to enforcement action.

The following construction activities require coverage under the Construction Stormwater General Permit:

1. Clearing, grading and/or excavation that results in the disturbance of one or more acres and discharges stormwater to surface waters of the State; and
2. Clearing, grading and/or excavation on sites smaller than one acre that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale, if the common plan of development or sale will ultimately disturb one acre or more and discharge stormwater to surface waters of the State. This includes forest practices (including, but not limited to, class IV conversions) that are part of a construction activity that will result in the disturbance of one or more acres, and discharge to surface waters of the State; and
3. Any site construction activity discharging stormwater to waters of the State that Ecology:
  - a) Determines to be a significant contributor of pollutants to waters of the State of Washington.
  - b) Reasonably expects to cause a violation of any water quality standard.

If contamination is suspected, discovered, or occurs during the proposed SEPA action, testing of the potentially contaminated media must be conducted. If contamination of soil or groundwater is readily apparent, or is revealed by testing, Ecology must be notified. Contact the Environmental Report Tracking System Coordinator for the Southwest Regional Office (SWRO) at (360) 407-6300. For assistance and information about subsequent cleanup and to identify the type of testing that will be required, contact Matthew Morris with the SWRO, Toxics Cleanup Program at (360) 407-7529.

If there are known soil/ground water contaminants present on-site, additional information (including, but not limited to: temporary erosion and sediment control plans; stormwater pollution prevention plan; list of known contaminants with concentrations and depths found; a site map

depicting the sample location(s); and additional studies/reports regarding contaminant(s)) will be required to be submitted.

You may apply online or obtain an application from Ecology's website at:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wg/stormwater/construction/> - Application. Construction site operators must apply for a permit at least 60 days prior to discharging stormwater from construction activities and must submit it on or before the date of the first public notice.

- AIR

To mitigate the potential adverse impacts to air quality due to dust emissions during construction, the proponent shall employ the use of watering all dust generating surfaces a minimum of three times daily or more as needed during construction phase of the project.

- ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH-NOISE

To mitigate the potential for noise impacts to surrounding properties, construction activities through complete buildout of this proposed development shall be limited from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday through Saturday.

- ANIMALS

It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to take all necessary steps to prevent the incidental taking of protected species under the Endangered Species Act through habitat modification or degradation during the life of the project or development authorized by this permit or approval. The applicant shall notify the City through Its Public Works Director or designee and the Federal Agencies with responsibility for enforcement of the Endangered Species Act immediately, in the event of damage or degradation to Endangered Species habitat by or from the project or the development subject to this permit or approval. In any such case, the applicant shall, at its sole cost and expense, take all action necessary to prevent the furtherance of the damage or degradation and to restore the habitat as required by the Federal, State, and local agencies with jurisdiction.

- HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

While there are currently no known archaeological resources on this site, in the event archaeological artifacts are uncovered during construction, activity shall be halted immediately, and the State Historic Preservation Office and local Tribes shall be contacted. The applicant shall follow the applicable sections of the *Inadvertent Archaeological and Historic Resources Discovery Plan for Sequim, WA* (Copy available at the City of Sequim Department of Community Development).

- TRANSPORTATION

Prior to final subdivision approval, the applicant shall submit final construction plans for review and approval by the City of Sequim Public Works Department. In accordance with SMC 17.20.040, the plans shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the City engineer, that curb, gutter, sidewalk, trail connections, transit stops, streets, storm drainage, sanitary sewer lines, water lines and other utilities as required, will be installed at the expense of the applicant and meet city specifications and applicable ordinances.