

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

Project Name: Lower Methow Zone Map Amendment

Proponent(s): Okanogan County Planning
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Agent(s): Same

Project Summary

The Planning Department has submitted a SEPA checklist for the adoption of a zoning map amendment of the Lower Methow. Analysis of the existing and potential lots in the Lower Methow River Reach of Water Resource Inventory Area 48 raises concerns that the number of undeveloped lots may exceed the water in the reserve appropriated by WAC 173-548. This amendment changes the zoning from R1 to R5 in the Lower Methow Reach outside the Columbia River Influence.

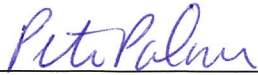
Threshold Determination

- 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.
- MDNS:** Okanogan County Planning & Development issued a Threshold Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance in accordance with WAC 197-11-350, identifying this proposal would not have a probable, significant, and adverse environmental impact if mitigation measures are imposed.
- DS:** Okanogan County Office of Planning & Development made a Threshold Determination of Significance in accordance with WAC 197-11-360, identifying this proposal would have a probable, significant, and adverse environmental impact.

Comments must be submitted in writing to the Okanogan County Office of Planning & Development, 123 5th Ave N Ste. 130, Okanogan, WA 98840, no later than **September 16, 2020**. All comments will be reviewed for relevance, and if necessary the DNS will be changed to a Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance. If no comments are received the DNS will stand. The date of publication in Okanogan County’s legal periodical of record is September 2, 2020.

Administrative Approval

Lead Agency: Okanogan County
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Signature:  \ 8/28/2020
(Pete Palmer, Director) Date

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:
Amendment to Official Zoning Map
2. Name of applicant:
Okanogan County Office of Planning and Development

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:
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Okanogan, WA 98840
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4. Date checklist prepared:
August 13, 2020

5. Agency requesting checklist:
Okanogan County Office of Planning and Development

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

The Okanogan County Board of County Commissioners are in the process of adopting an amendment to the Okanogan County Official Zoning Map. In 2014 the Board of County Commissioners directed the 2014 Comprehensive Plan be reviewed and updated in accordance with the requirements of RCW 36.70, Planning Enabling Act. A determination of non-significance was issued in 2018 and the updates were appealed. Since then the staff has been working on further updates with the Planning Commission. In 2018 the Washington State Legislation adopted ESSB 6091 in response to the Whatcom-Hirst Decision that, amongst other things, determined WAC 173-548 explicitly regulates permit exempt wells. In 2019 the BOCC determined that the immediate adoption of interim amendments to the official zoning map were necessary to avoid the creation of additional lots for which a determination that “adequate provisions for potable water” could not be made as required by WAC 58.17.110. The BOCC adopted Ordinance 2019-10 on June 10, 2019 and held public hearing on July 15, 2019 and found that the adoption of interim amendments to the zone map promoted the public interest by preserving the public health, safety and welfare. The interim ordinance expired and the BOCC found it necessary to renew it. On July 8, 2020 the BOCC adopted ordinance 2020-5 which adopted the interim official zoning map and repealed ordinance 2019-10. A public hearing was held on August 10, 2020 at which time the BOCC motioned to continue with the interim zoning ordinance (2020-5) as adopted and directed the Planning department to process the amendment and transmit the recommendation to the Planning Commission for immediate consideration of a zoning code change.

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

Yes, The County Planning department is still working towards the adoption of an updated comprehensive plan. Upon acceptance and adoption further zoning map amendments may be warranted.

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

ESSB 6091 in response to the Whatcom Hirst decision that, amongst other things, determined that WAC 173-548 explicitly regulates permit exempt wells.

WAC 173-548-030 which appropriates 2 cfs of water in each of the 7 reaches of the Methow River for single use domestic and stock watering that is senior in priority date to the water appropriate for in-stream flow.

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 BOCC has held numerous hearings on the Interim Zoning Map, prepared this SEPA Checklist, and upon conclusions of the SEPA process will transmit the document to the Planning Commission for process and adoption.

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

The BOCC has held numerous hearings on the Interim Zoning Map, prepared this SEPA Checklist, and upon conclusions of the SEPA process will transmit the document to the Planning Commission for process and adoption.

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.)

In January 2018 the Washington State Legislature adopted ESSB 6091 in response to the Whatcom-Hirst decision that, amongst other things, determined that WAC 173-548 explicitly regulates permit exempt wells. WAC 173-548030 appropriates 2 cfs of water in each of the 7 reaches of the Methow River for single domestic and stock watering that is senior in priority date to the water appropriated for in-stream flow. Analysis of the existing and potential lots in the Lower Methow River Reach of Water Resource Inventory Area #48 raises concerns that the number of undeveloped and potential lots exceeds the water in reserve for single use domestic purposes appropriated by WAC 173-548 Methow Instream Flow Rule. The Revised Code of Washington 58.17.110 requires that before a subdivision application is approved; the city, town, or county legislative body shall inquire into the public use and interest proposed to be served by the establishment of the subdivision and dedication. It shall determine: a) If appropriate provisions are made for, but not limited to...potable water supplies. The Board of County Commissioners find that the zone designations currently in place in the Lower Methow River Reach would allow the vesting of land division application for which a determination that adequate provisions for potable water could not be made. The BOCC determined in 2019 that immediate adoption of an interim zoning map was necessary.

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.

Lower Methow River Basin

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)?

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.

Okanogan County contains all soil types published within the Natural Resource Conservation Service Soil Survey for Okanogan County.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

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 the Okanogan County 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.

There are no filling, excavation, or grading proposed under this Agency action project.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

There are no clearing or construction activities proposed with this Agency action project.

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

There will be no impervious surfaces created as a result of this Agency action project.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

The Interim Zoning Map amendment is a programmatic process therefore measures to control erosion are not associated with adoption of the official zoning map amendment.

2. Air

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.

The official zoning map amendment is a programmatic process therefore air emissions are not associated and emissions are not regulated under the official zoning map.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

The official zoning map amendment is a programmatic process therefore air emissions are not associated with adoption of this Agency action project. The official zoning map does not regulate air emissions.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

The official zoning map amendment is a programmatic process therefore air emissions are not associated with adoption of the official zoning map amendments. The official zoning map does not regulate air emissions.

3. Water

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.

The official zoning map amendment 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.

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.

The official zoning map amendment 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.

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.

The official zoning map amendment 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.

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

No, this Agency action project will not require surface water withdrawals diversions.

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

The official zoning map amendment 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.

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.

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.

There will be no discharge associated with this Agency action project.

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.

None associated with this Agency action project.

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

NO

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:

There will be no surface, ground, and or runoff water or discharge pattern impacts associated with this Agency action project.

4. Plants

a. Check the 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
- 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?

The official zoning map amendment is a programmatic process therefore, vegetation removal will not be affected by the adoption of this action.

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

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. None will be affected by this Agency action project.

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

N/A

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

The official zoning map amendment is a programmatic process therefore, noxious weeds will not be affected by the adoption of this official zoning map amendment.

5. Animals

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 _____

None of these will be affected by the adoption of this official zoning map amendment.

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

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.

None of these will be affected by the adoption of this official zoning map amendment.

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

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. None of these will be affected by the adoption of this official zoning map amendment.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:
Wildlife will not be affected by the adoption of this official zoning map amendment.

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.
This Agency action will not affect or evaluate invasive animal species.

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.

N/A

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:

N/A

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

NO

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

The zoning map amendment 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.

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.

N/A

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required. N/A

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

The zoning map amendment 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

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

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.

N/A

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

N/A

8. Land and Shoreline Use

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.

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?

None. The zoning map amendment covers all areas of Okanogan County but will not be displacing farm or forest lands as a result of the adoption of these amendments.

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.

N/A

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

N/A

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

> 1 acre and rezoned to < 5 acres,

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

The zoning map amendment covers all areas of Okanogan County however, the Comprehensive Plan is currently going through an amendment that may change designations.

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

The zoning map amendment covers all areas of Okanogan County however, the Shoreline Master Program will not be affected by the adoption of this ordinance.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

The zoning map amendment is a programmatic process that covers all land in Okanogan County.

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

N/A

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

N/A

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:

The zoning map amendment 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:

The adoption of this zoning map amendment does not regulate impacts to agricultural or forest lands.

9. Housing

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

N/A

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

N/A

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

N/A

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?

N/A

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

N/A

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

N/A

11. Light and Glare

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

None

b. 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:

N/A

12. Recreation

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

N/A

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

No

c. 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

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.

The zoning map amendment is a programmatic process that covers all areas of Okanogan County.

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.

The zoning map amendment is a programmatic process that covers all areas of Okanogan County.

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.

The zoning map amendment is a programmatic process that covers all areas of Okanogan County.

- 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.

None

14. Transportation

- 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.

The zoning map amendment is a programmatic process that covers all areas of Okanogan County.

- 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?

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?

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).

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?

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.

No

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

The zoning map amendment is a programmatic process that covers all areas of Okanogan County.

15. Public Services

- 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

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

None

16. Utilities

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:

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.

N/A

C. Signature

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

Position and Agency/Organization Okanogan County Office of Planning Planner II

Date Submitted: 08/27/2020

D. supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

(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 zoning map amendment 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 adoption of the official zoning map amendments will not affect plants, animals, fish or marine life.

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

Same as above

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

The zoning map amendment will not deplete those resources.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

By reducing the water demands in an existing water resource inventory area.

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 adoption of the official zoning map amendment will not affect any of these.

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

Rezoning areas for further protection.

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 official zoning map amendment will further protect land and shoreline uses that are incompatible with existing uses or plans.

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

Rezoning areas of the Lower Methow River Reach.

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 official zoning map amendment is required to be consistent with local, state and federal laws.