Notice of Type II Development Review Application and Optional SEPA Determination of Non-Significance

The Clark County Department of Community Development has received an application for development review, as described below. Based on a review of the submitted application materials, the county expects to issue a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for the proposal allowed by state law and Clark County Code, Section 40.570.040(E) – Optional DNS Process. As lead agency, the county has determined that the requirements for environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures are adequately addressed in the development regulations and comprehensive plan adopted under Chapter 36.70A RCW, and in other applicable local, state, or federal laws and rules, as provided by RCW 43.21.240 and WAC 197-11-158. Our agency will not require any additional mitigation measures under SEPA. The proposal may include mitigation under applicable codes and the project review.

Comments received within the deadline will be considered in the review of the proposal. Your response to this notice may be your only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of this proposal. No additional comment period will be provided unless probable significant environmental impacts are identified during the review process, which would require additional study or special mitigation. The proposal may include mitigation under applicable codes and the project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures regardless of whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is prepared.

Date of this notice: August 9, 2018

Closing date for public comments: August 24, 2018

Information regarding this application can be obtained by contacting the staff contact person listed below or in person at the Community Development Permit Center, 1300 Franklin Street, first floor, Vancouver, Washington, 98660.

Project Name: POR Bald Mountain

Case Number: PSR2017-00036; SEP2017-00077; CRA2017-00007; EVR2017-00091; GEO2017-00028

Request: Site plan approval for a new 165 foot monopole with 6 antennas and related equipment located on 20 acres in the FR-80 zoning district

Location: 9709 NE 425th Street, Woodland
Notice of Optional SEPA - DNS

Applicant: Verizon Wireless
5430 NE 122nd Avenue
Portland, OR 97230
503.709.2861
malissa.johnson@verizonwireless.com

Contact Person: Reid Stewart
5200 SW Meadows Road, Suite 150
Lake Oswego, OR 97035
503.720.6526
reid.stewart@acomconsultinginc.com

Property Owner: Jason and Britta Wendling
3007 NE Cedar Creek Road
Woodland, WA 98674
614.519.8492

Comp Plan Designation: FR-1

Parcel numbers: 261109-000

Township: 5N Range: 2E Section: 08

Neighborhood Contact: Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County (NACCC)
Christie Brown Silva, Chair
naccc.chair@gmail.com

Staff Contact: Richard Daviau
(360) 397-2375 ext. 4895
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Applicable code sections
Clark County Code (CCC): Title 14 (Buildings and Structures), Title 15.12 (Fire Code), 40.410
(Critical Areas), 40.210.010 (Forest Districts), 40.260.250 (Wireless Communications
Facilities, WCF), 40.350 (Transportation), 40.386 (Storm Water Drainage and Erosion
Control), 40.500.010 (Procedures and Processes), 40.520.040 (Site Plan Review), 40.550
(Road Modification), 40.570 (SEPA), 40.570 (SEPAArchaeological),

Application Filing Date: September 7, 2017
Fully Complete Date: June 4, 2018

Public Comment
The public is encouraged to comment on this proposal. Comments received by the closing date
noted below will be considered in the staff report. This notice is intended to inform potentially
interested parties about the application and invite written comments regarding any concerns.

Public Comment Deadline: August 24, 2018
In person: The Community Development Permit Center is located in the Public Service Center, first floor, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington 98660.

Mail: Attn: Richard Daviau 
Department of Community Development 
P.O. Box 9810 
Vancouver, WA. 98666-9810

An accurate mailing address for those mailing comments must be included or they will not qualify as a "Party of Record" and, therefore, will not have standing to appeal the decision.

Email: richard.daviau@clark.wa.gov

SEPA Options
As lead agency under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Rules [Chapter 197-11, Washington Administrative Code (WAC)], Clark County must determine if there are possible significant adverse environmental impacts associated with this proposal. The options include the following:

- **DS - Determination of Significance:** The impacts cannot be mitigated through conditions of approval and, therefore, requiring the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS);

- **MDNS - Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance:** The impacts can be addressed through conditions of approval, or;

- **DNS - Determination of Non-Significance:** The impacts can be addressed by applying the Clark County Code.

Responsible Official: Mitch Nickolds, Community Development Director

Timelines and Process
Decisions on Type II applications are made within 78 calendar days of the Fully Complete date (noted above), unless placed on hold for the submittal of additional information.

Community Development Web site - [www.clark.wa.gov/development](http://www.clark.wa.gov/development)
- Weekly Preliminary Plan Review Status Report - includes current applications
- Pre-Application Conferences and Land Use Hearing agendas
- Applications and handouts for each type of land use permit

Appeals
The responsible official’s decision on the application may be appealed to the Hearing Examiner by the applicant or any person or group that qualifies as a “Party of Record.” To qualify as a party of record, you must have submitted written comments or a written request to be identified as a Party of Record within the comment deadline.
An accurate mailing address for those submitting comments must be included or they will not qualify as a "Party of Record" and, therefore, will not have standing to appeal the decision. An appellant must submit an appeal application and appeal fee within 14 calendar days after the written notice of the decision is mailed.

Refer to the *Appeals* handout for more information and fees.

**SEPA Appeal**

A *procedural SEPA appeal* is an appeal of the determination (i.e., determination of significance, determination of non-significance, or mitigated determination of non-significance).

A *substantive SEPA appeal* is an appeal of the conditions required to mitigate for probable significant issues not adequately addressed by existing Clark County Code or other law.

A *procedural or substantive appeal* must be filed within fourteen (14) calendar days of this determination, together with the appeal fee. Such appeals will be considered at a scheduled public hearing and decided by the Hearing Examiner in a subsequent written decision.

**Attachments**

- Proposed project site/land division plan
- Map of property owners receiving notice

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Distribution
This notice is being provided to the following agencies with jurisdiction whose services may be impacted by implementation of this proposal:

Federal Agencies: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Enforcement Division

Tribes: Cowlitz Indian Tribe
Yakama Nation
Chinook Tribe

State Agencies: Department of Natural Resources (S.W. Region)
Department of Ecology
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Department of Transportation

Regional Agencies: Fort Vancouver Regional Library
Southwest Clean Air Agency
Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation

Local Agencies: Clark County Community Development
Land Use Review
Fire Marshal's Office
Clark County Public Health
Clark County Public Works
Development Engineering
Transportation Division
Clark County Conservation District
Clark County Water Resource Council
City of Vancouver Transportation

Special Purpose Agencies: Fire Protection District #10
Clark Public Utilities

The Media
The Columbian
The Oregonian
The Reflector
Vancouver Business Journal
The Post Record

Other:
Applicant
Clark County Neighbors
Clark County Natural Resources Council
Clark County Citizens United
C-Trans

Additional attachment for agencies:
• SEPA checklist
SEPA Environmental Checklist
Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-980

Purpose of checklist:
The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 43.21C, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and agencies identify impacts from your proposal and to help agencies decide whether or not an EIS is required.

Instructions for applicants:
This environmental checklist asks you to describe basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether or not the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. Please answer the questions briefly, giving the most precise information or best description known. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write “do not know” or “does not apply.” Some questions pertain to governmental regulations such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. If you have problems answering these questions, please contact the Clark County Permit Center for assistance.

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. You may be asked to explain your answers or provide additional information related to significant adverse impacts.

Use of checklist for non-project proposals:
Complete this checklist for non-project proposals (e.g., county plans and codes), even if the answer is “does not apply.” In addition, complete the supplemental sheet for non-project actions (Part D).

For non-project actions, the references in the checklist to the words “project,” “applicant,” and “property or site” should be read as “proposal,” “proposer,” and “affected geographic area,” respectively.

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For an alternate format, contact the Clark County ADA Compliance Office.
Phone: (360)397-2322
Relay: 711 or (800) 833-6964
E-mail: ADA@clark.wa.gov
A. Background
1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: POR Bald Mountain.


3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: 5430 NE 122nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97230 – Malissa Johnson 502.709.2861


5. Agency requesting checklist: Clark County Community Development.

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): 2019 (estimated).

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to this proposal? If yes, explain. Not at this time, although it is common to update equipment as technology improves.

8. List any environmental information that has been or will be prepared related to this proposal. NEPA, Phase 1, DAHP Filing. CARA Report & Level 1 Hydrogeological Site Evaluation, Storm water Pollution Prevention Plan.

9. Are other applications pending for governmental approvals affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, please explain. No other applications are pending governmental approval.

10. List any government approvals or permits needed for your proposal: Land Use Review & Building Permit.

11. Give a brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and size of the project and site. There are several questions addressed later in this checklist asking 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.) New 165’ tall wireless monopole tower with adjacent ground equipment cabinets and diesel generator enclosed in new 30’ x 30’ fenced lease area on 20-acre parcel.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including street address, section, township, and range. If
this proposal occurs over a wide area, please provide the range or boundaries of the site. Also, give a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map. You are required to submit any plans required by the agency, but not required to submit duplicate maps or plans submitted with permit applications related to this checklist. Proposal is located at 9709 NE 425th Street, Woodland, WA 98675 (Parcel # 261109000). See Attached Zoning Drawings.

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 and the approximate percentage of the slope? 20% – 30%.

   c. What general types of soils are found on the site (e.g., clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? Please specify the classification of agricultural soils and note any prime farmland. Olympic clay loam.

   d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, please describe. No.

   e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or proposed grading. Also, indicate the source of fill. No fill, however grading will occur for access road.

   f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, please describe. Some long-term, surficial erosion that is natural to any hillside.

   g. What percentage of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after the project construction (e.g., asphalt or buildings)? 16,080 SF of new impervious surface or 2% of parcel.

   h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth include: Conventional erosion control and best management practices for erosion and storm water discharge.

2. Air
a. What types of emissions to the air would result from this proposal (e.g., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and after completion? Please describe and give approximate quantities. Small amount of exhaust from diesel generator during emergency use and generator maintenance.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, please describe. Does not apply.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air: Does not apply.

3. Water

a. Surface:

1) Is there any surface water body on or in the vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, and wetlands)? If yes, describe the type and provide names and into which stream or river it flows into. No.

2) Will the project require any work within 200 feet of the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans. Does not apply.

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. Does not apply.

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Please provide description, purpose, and approximate quantities: Does not apply.

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, please note the 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.

b. Ground:
1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Please give description, purpose, and approximate quantities. Does not apply.

2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources; (e.g., domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the size and number of the systems, houses to be served; or, the number of animals or humans the systems are expected to serve. Does not apply.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal. Include quantities, if known. Describe where water will flow, and if it will flow into other water. Runoff from Project improvements will be dispersed to vegetated areas on the property in the same direction as the pre-developed condition. The natural discharge location will be maintained.

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, please describe. Does not apply.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any: Best management practices outlined in storm water pollution prevention plan.

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? No vegetation will be removed.
c. List threatened or endangered species on or near the site. Do not know.

d. List proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site: New landscaping will be added to portions of site. Landscaping will include fraxinus latifolia, photinia x fraseri & kinnikinick bearberry.

5. Animals

a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site:
   - Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other;
   - Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other; and,
   - Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other.

b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site. Do not know.

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, please explain. Do not know.

d. List proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife: None.

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. Electric.

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, please describe. Does not apply.

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: None.

7. Environmental health
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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, please describe.

1) Describe special emergency services that might be required. **Does not apply.**

2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any. **Does not apply.**

b. Noise

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (e.g., traffic, equipment, operation, other)? **Does not apply.**

2) What types and levels of noise are associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (e.g., traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours the noise would come from the site. **Construction noise on short-term basis and noise from a new emergency diesel generator that will run during loss of power and twice a month for 15 minutes on a long-term basis for maintenance purposes.**

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts: **None.**

8. Land and shoreline use

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

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

c. Describe any structures on the site. **New residence under construction and existing pump house.**

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, please describe. **No**

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? **FR-80**
f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? FR-1

g. What is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?
   Does not apply.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, please specify. No.

i. How many people would reside or work in the completed project? None.

j. How many people would the completed project displace? None.

k. Please list proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts: Does not apply.

l. List proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans: Adherence to relevant Clark County land use standards.

9. Housing

a. Approximately how many units would be provided? Indicate whether it's high, middle, or low-income housing. Does not apply.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether it's high, middle, or low-income housing. Does not apply.

c. List proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts: Does not apply.

10. Aesthetics

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas? What is proposed as the principal exterior building materials? 165-foot tall steel monopole.
b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? None.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts: Tower will have a non-glare finish.

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 – tower & equipment will be have non-glare finish.

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: N/A – tower & equipment will be have non-glare finish.

12. Recreation

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? None.

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

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c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreational opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant: Does not apply.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

a. Are there any places or objects on or near the site which are listed or proposed for national, state, or local preservation registers. If so, please describe. No.
b. Please describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.
   None.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts: Does not apply.

14. Transportation

a. Identify the public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. Access to come from NE 425th Street. Proposal includes new gravel access road on property to serve site. See attached Zoning Drawings.

b. Is the site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? No public transportation in immediate vicinity.

c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate? Site will have one parking space. None will be eliminated.

d. Will the proposal require new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, please describe and indicate whether it's public or private. Proposal will require new gravel access road that will tie into existing access road on private property.

e. Will the project use water, rail, or air transportation? If so, please describe. No.
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f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? Indicate when peak traffic volumes would occur. Site is unmanned. Typically there are 1-2 visits per month.

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15. Public services

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (e.g., fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, please describe. No.

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services: Does not apply.

16. Utilities

a. Circle the utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other. No utilities currently at proposed site, however power is currently at the property.

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on or near the site: Electricity - Clark PU and fiber - TBD.

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: [Signature] Date Submitted: 10 October 2017

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D. SEPA Supplemental sheet for non-project actions

Instructions:
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 of the proposal and the types of activities likely to result from this proposal. Please respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

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

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

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

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

4. How would the proposal use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or those 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?

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

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use? Will it allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?