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Re: Skagit County Request for Additional Information
Mining Special Use Permit PL20-0507
Skagit Aggregates

The county requested additional information for review of the SEPA.

1. B(5) Animals-(b), the vicinity may contain Northern Spotted Owl habitat. Confirm no habitat will be impacted.

The property does not meet the minimum guidelines set forth in the Washington State Forest Practice Rules (WAC 222-16-085) for private landowners to be considered suitable roosting, foraging, and/or dispersal habitat for northern spotted owl. The site also does not meet the minimum standards to be considered suitable dispersal support habitat within a Spotted Owl Special Emphasis Area (SOSEA).

The entire property as well as all adjoining areas had been clear cut logged in the 1930s. The property itself was clear cut again in the 1990s as was property to the northwest, north and east. The property to the south is within the historic meander zone of the Skagit River and as such also lacks suitable mature forest type habitat required for Northern Spotted Owls.

1.B(8) Land and Shoreline Use – (h), a portion of the site has been designated a possible geologically hazardous area. Reference the findings of Stratum Group’s geohazard report.

The April 3, 2020 Stratum Group report stated on page 8 of the report that “Based on our geologic hazard assessment, the subject property is not at risk of landslides or significant erosion. Furthermore, it is our opinion that the planned mining activity will not increase the risk of landslides or erosion on or off the property.”