

SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REISSUED NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Files PL19-0033, PL19-0047, BP19-0070 & PL19-0032

Skagit County is re-issuing notice on these development applications providing additional time for public comment.

Notice is hereby given that on January 22, 2019, Kiewit Infrastructure Co. submitted a SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act) checklist (PL19-0032) and applications for a Mining Special Use Permit (PL19-0033), Forest Practice Conversion Permit (PL19-0047), and Grading Permit (BP19-0070). The County could not begin processing these applications until March 6, 2019, when an existing Class III Forest Practice Permit for parcel P120304 was withdrawn.

According to the mining special use permit application, an expanded mining operation within the existing Mineral Resource Overlay (MRO) area is proposed to supply jetty stone for several major projects on the west coast and to provide a local source of quarry stone and crushed rock. The applicant proposes to extract an estimated 3.8 million cubic yards of rock within the existing MRO area over a projected 100 year period. The forest practice conversion application includes approximately 90 acres of timber harvest. The grading permit application includes excavation and fill for the proposed road construction and other mining operations.

According to the SEPA checklist, the project could generate up to a total of 260 daily vehicle trips, including truck trips. The proposed haul route is identified as Rockport Cascade Road to Rockport, West on SR-20 to I-5. The mining special use application indicates that the proposed project would occur in following 4 steps:

1. Site clearing, grading, preparation, and building access roads and stormwater systems.
2. Mining within the existing MRO area.
3. Possible future quarry expansion (increasing current MRO area by approximately 43 acres with a total extraction of 9.6 million cubic yards of rock).
4. Quarry reclamation (decommissioning of quarry, roads, and supporting mining operations).

Other required permits and/or authorizations include: Skagit County Road Access Permit, Skagit County Building Permits, Skagit County Fire Permit, Skagit County Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Skagit County Boundary Line Adjustment, Skagit County Oversize/Overweight Vehicle Permit, Department of Transportation Oversize/Overweight Vehicle Permit, City of Sedro-Woolley and City of Bellingham Oversize/Overweight Vehicle Permit, Department of Ecology Sand and Gravel General permit, Department of Fish & Wildlife Hydraulic Project Approval, and Department of Natural Resources Reclamation Permit.

The proposed project is located on Rockport-Cascade Road, Marblemount, within Section 24, Township 35 North, Range 10 East, W.M., Skagit County, WA (Parcels P45541, P45543, P45548, P45550, P120304 & P128574).

The proposed project within the existing MRO area is designated as Rural Resource-Natural Resource Land (RRc-NRL) and Secondary Forest-Natural Resource Land (SF-NRL) as indicated on the comprehensive plan and zoning maps. The eastern portion of parcels P45541 and P45548 are

designated as Industrial Forest-Natural Resource Land (IF-NRL). Parcel P45541 is not located within the existing MRO area. Any expansion to the MRO area would require an amendment to Skagit County Comprehensive Plan.

The application materials, SEPA checklist, and site plan are on file at Skagit County Planning & Development Services (staff contact: John Cooper (360) 416-1320). This information is available to the public upon request and online:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/MarblemountQuarry.htm>

A letter of completeness was issued on March 12, 2019. A decision on the applications will be made within 120 days of the date the letter of completeness was issued, unless such time period is extended pursuant to SCC 14.06.210. A public hearing before the Skagit County Hearing Examiner is required for this project but a hearing date has not been scheduled.

Any person has the right to comment on the application, receive notice of and participate in any hearings, request a copy of any decisions (once made), and the right to appeal any decision. Failure to submit such comments or requests during the comment period or at a public hearing could result in a loss of the right to appeal.

Comments are accepted online or on 8½ x 11 paper. **All comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2019** and include (1) your full name, (2) mailing address, and (3) the project name (“Marblemount Quarry”) in the subject line. Comments not meeting these requirements will not be considered. Skagit County accepts comments online only through the form at www.skagitcounty.net/pdscomments. Please note the character limit on the online form, no attachments or links are allowed. If you are unable to submit comments online, you may mail your comments or hand-deliver to the following address:

Comments on the Marblemount Quarry
Planning and Development Services
1800 Continental Place
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

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