

**SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (MDNS)**

For

Upper Skagit Indian Tribe
File # **PLAN2-2025-0014**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Notice is hereby given that on June 16, 2025, Skagit County Planning and Development Services approved the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist review completed in conjunction with Administrative Special use Permit review #**PLAN2-2025-0014** for the SkagitNet Broadband Extension project. The project proposes to install approximately 4,400 lineal feet of fiber optic cabling within underground, and bridge mounted, conduit between the Sedro-Woolley Innovation for Tomorrow (SWIFT) Center in Sedro-Woolley City Limits and the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe's Helmick Road Reservation. The project will consist of approximately 7 vaults, and additional handholes, and +/- 280 lineal feet of bridge mounted conduit. The new conduit is expected to be installed via a mix of open trenching and directional drilling. The proposed project connects to the existing fiber optic within the City of Sedro-Woolley, and the City unincorporated Urban Growth Area (UGA), located at the SWIFT Center, and extends into unincorporated Skagit County within the Rural Reserve (RRv) and the Urban Reserve Public-Open Space (URP-OS) zoning/comprehensive plan designated areas as indicated in the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan and associated maps.

PROPONENT: Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, c/o Dan Tolliver, 25944 Community Plaza Way, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284.

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project is located between the intersection at Helmick Road and Nuwaha-Ah Lane and the intersection of Thompson Drive and Northern State Road within the SWIFT Center Campus. Approximately between 225974 Community Plaza Way and 25749 Helmick Road, Sedro-Woolley, within a portion of Section 8, Township 35N, Range 5E W.M., situated within Skagit County, Washington. (between P38653 and P38655).

LEAD AGENCY: Skagit County Planning and Development Services.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. 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 on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request. This determination is subject to the mitigated measures as identified below and shall be deemed conditions of approval of the land use and/or permit pursuant to Skagit County Code 16.12. Such conditions are considered binding and may not be altered by subsequent decisions unless a threshold determination is re-issued.

1. Temporary erosion/sedimentation control measures, as approved by the Skagit County Planning and Development Services, must be in place prior to the land disturbance. The applicant must maintain all temporary erosion/sedimentation control measures in accordance with the Skagit County Stormwater Management Ordinance. Said measures shall remain in place until the completion of the project.
2. The applicant must comply with Northwest Clean Air Agency (NWCAA) requirements.
3. The applicant must comply with the provisions of Chapters 14.22 and 14.32 of the Skagit County Code (Land Disturbance and the Skagit County Stormwater Management Ordinance). Best Management practices shall be utilized throughout the life of the project.
4. The applicant must comply with Fire Code Standards.
5. The applicant must comply with all relevant provisions of 14.24 of the Skagit County Code (Skagit County Critical Areas Ordinance).

6. Should any human remains, archaeological, historic or cultural materials be discovered during construction, work in the affected area shall cease immediately and the area shall be secured. Within 24 hours, of the discovery, or as soon thereafter as possible, the developer shall notify the Skagit County Sheriff's office, Skagit County Planning and Development Services, the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation and affected tribes. If following consultation with the above parties it is determined that an archaeological and cultural resource assessment is required, the project developer shall retain the services of a professional archaeologist to prepare such an assessment. Project work in the affected area shall only continue when in conformance with applicable state and federal laws.

The Lead Agency previously issued a comment period for this proposal under the Optional DNS process outlined under WAC 197-11-355.

A party with standing may appeal this threshold determination in accordance with Skagit County Code 14.06 and 16.12 and then by filing such with the Skagit County Planning and Development Services for service to the SEPA responsible official within fourteen (14) calendar days after the date of the threshold determination.

Appeals must be submitted no later than: **July 3, 2025**

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Director of Planning and Development Services
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Date: 6-17-25 Signature Brandon Black.
On behalf of Jack Moore
Planning and Development Services Director

cc: WDOE, Public Works, NW Clean Air Agency, Fire Marshal, Stormwater and Critical area review staff, WSDF&W, Skagit River Systems Coop, DAHP, Army Corps., Public Health, PUD, Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, Samish Indian Nation, City of Sedro-Woolley, Port of Skagit, Applicant

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