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# SEPA Distribution List SEP2020-00013 Date of Issuance: March 12, 2020

Please review this determination. If you have further comments or questions, phone the responsible official at (360) 778-5900. Please submit your response by the comment date noted on the attached notice of determination.

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# SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS)

**File:** SEP2020-00013

**Project Description:** Construction of a 7,680 sq. ft. potato storage barn.

**Proponent:** Scott Bedlington

Address and Parcel #: 7969 Rathbone Road, APN: 400227498355

**Lead Agency:** Whatcom County Planning & Development Services

**Zoning:** AG Comp Plan: AG Shoreline Jurisdiction: N/A

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that with proper mitigation, no significant adverse environmental impacts are likely. Pursuant to RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c), an environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required. This decision was made following review of a completed SEPA environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

There is no comment period for this DNS.

X Pursuant to WAC 197-11-340(2), the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issuance indicated below. Comments must be received by 4:00 March 26, 2020 and should be sent to: Mike Kershner mkershne@whatcomcounty.us.

Responsible Official: Mark Personius, mpersoni@whatcomcounty.us

Title: Director

**Telephone:** 360-778-5900

Address: 5280 Northwest Drive

Bellingham, WA 98226

MA Date of Issuance: March 12, 2020 Signature:

An aggrieved agency or person may appeal this determination to the Whatcom County Hearing Examiner. Application for appeal must be filed on a form provided by and submitted to the Whatcom County Current Planning Division located at 5280 Northwest Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226, during the ten days following the comment period, concluding April 6. 2020.

You should be prepared to make a specific factual objection. Contact Whatcom County Current Planning Division for information about the procedures for SEPA appeals.

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# SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) Legal Notice

To be published one time only on: March 12, 2020

CHARGE TO: Whatcom County Planning & Development Services

5280 Northwest Drive

Bellingham, Washington 98226

Acct #451232

# WHATCOM COUNTY GIVES PUBLIC NOTICE THAT THE FOLLOWING SEPA THRESHOLD DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) HAS BEEN ISSUED TODAY SUBJECT TO THE 14 DAY COMMENT PERIOD CONCLUDING ON MARCH 12, 2020.

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ANY PERSON OR AGENCY MAY APPEAL THE COUNTY'S COMPLIANCE WITH WAC 197-11 BY FILING AN APPEAL WITH THE WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES LOCATED AT 5280 NORTHWEST DRIVE, BELLINGHAM, WA 98226. APPEALS MUST BE MADE WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE END OF THE COMMENT PERIOD.

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J.E. "Sam" Ryan
Director

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#### 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 <u>all parts of your proposal</u>, 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.

### Use of Checklist for Non-Project Proposals:

For non-project proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the <u>Supplemental Sheet for Non-project Actions (Part C)</u>. 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: BEDLINGTON POTATO SHED
2	Name of applicant: MARTIN DE LANGE
	Applicant phone number: 360-354-2049
	Applicant address: 100 VAN LOO LA.
	City, State, Zip or Postal Code: LYNDEN WA. 98264
	Applicant Email address: MDLCONSTR@GMAIL.COM
3	Contact name: SAME
	Contact phone number:
	Contact address:
	City, State, Zip or Postal Code:
	Contact Email address:
4	Date checklist prepared: 02-12-2020
5	Agency requesting checklist: W.C.P.D.S.
6	Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): MARCH TO JUNE
7	Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? Yes V No I If yes, explain:  UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.
8	List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal:  NONE NEEDED
9	Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? Yes No volume No

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

W.C/P.D.S. BUILDING PERMIT

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.)

A 64' X 120' JUST NORTH OF THE NEWER EXISTING POTATO STORAGE SHED

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.

SEE SITE PLAN .IT'S IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER

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#### **B** Environmental Elements

E	arth	
a.	General description of the site:	
	Flat Rolling Hilly Steep Slopes Mountainous Other	
b.	What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?  1% OR2% AT MOST	
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.  SANDY TO SANDY LOAM	s, al
d.	Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? Yes No V  If so, describe.	9
e.	Describe the purpose, type, total area, approximate quantities and tota affected area of any filling excavation or grading proposed.  NONE NEEDED . ALLREADY DONE WITH PREFACE PROJECT	ıl
	Indicate source of fill.	
	Indicate were excavation material is going.	

	f.	Yes No V
		If so, generally describe.
	g.	About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?  THE BUILDING AND 20' ON TWO SIDES
	h	Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: NONE NEEDED
2.	Α	ir
	a.	What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation and maintenance when the project is completed (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, or industrial wood smoke)?
		THE DUST WHEN HARVESTING THE POTATOS IN DRY WEATHER
		If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.  NOT KNOWN
	b.	Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? Yes No
		If so, generally describe.
	c.	Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:  KEEP DRIVEWAYS CLEAN AND WARTERED DOWN

# 3. Water

a.	Sur	face:
	(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)? Yes No
		If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.
	(2)	Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? Yes No
		If yes, please describe and attach available plans.
	(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. $N.A.$
		Indicate the source of fill material. N.A.
		Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions?  Yes No
		Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.
		Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? Yes No 🗸
		If so, note location on the site plan.

(5)	surface waters?  Yes \[ \begin{align*} \text{No} \begin{align*} \text{V} \\ \text{V} \\ \text{V} \\ \text{No} \\ \text{No} \\ \text{V} \\ \text{No} \\ \text	to
	If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharg	e
b. Gro	ound Water:	
(1)	Will ground water be withdrawn from a well for drinking water other purposes? Yes No	or ./
	If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses ar approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, ar approximate quantities if known.  JUST TO KEEP ROADS FREEOF DUST. WATER WILL BE FROM EXISTING WELL	рe

(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 houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

THERE ARE PORTABLE RESTROOMS ON SITE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES AND CONSTRUCTION WORKERS. THERE IS ONE HOUSE WITH AN APROVED SEPTICSYSTEM

#### 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).

ROOF WATER WILL RUN INTO FRENCH DRAINS. DRIVEWAYS RUN INTOEXISTING CATCH BASIN-POND AND NATURALY DRAIN THRU THE GROUND. QUANTIES VARY YEAR TO TEAR WITH RAIN FALL

	Where will this water flow?
	Will this water flow into other waters? Yes 🔽 No 🗌
	If so, describe.  NATURALLY THRU THE GROUND
	Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? Yes No No so, generally describe.
	Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site: Yes No V
wate	posed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoffer impacts, if any:  E NEEDED
Plants	
a. Chec	k 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 NONE	vege	tation will be removed or altered?	/
	c.	List threatened or endange NONE	ered	species known to be on or near the	site.
	d.	Proposed landscaping, us preserve or enhance veget LAWNS WILL BE PLANTED WERE	ation		ires to
		List all noxious weeds and site.  NONE	inva	asive species known to be on or no	ear the
5.	An	imals			
	a.	Check any birds and anim site or are known to be on		which have been observed on or nee ear the site:	ear the
		Birds: Hawk, Eagle, Other:		Heron, Songbirds;	
		Mammals: Deer, Elk, Other:		Bear, Beaver;	
		Fish: Bass, Trout, Shellfish;		Salmon, Herring, Other:	
	b.	List any threatened or enda site. NONE NEDED	ange	red species known to be on or near	the

	c.	Is the site part of a migration route? Yes 🔽 No
		If so, explain.
	d.	Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: NONE NEEDED
	e,	List any invasive species known to be on or near site. NONE KNOWN
6.	Er	nergy 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.  0.0.ELECTRIC SERVICESTHE SITE FROMPUGET POWER.
	b.	Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? Yes No
		If so, generally describe.
	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:  IMPACTS ARE SEASONAL, TO THE POTATO PLANTING
7.	En	vironmental Health
		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?  Yes No
		If so, describe.
		(1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.  ONLY POSSIBLE IF??? THERE IS A FUEL SRILL OR LEAK

- (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.

  NOLIQUID OR GASLINES ON SITE.
- (3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the projects development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

  ONLY CLEANING OR SANATIZING CHEMICIALS USED TO CLEAN EQUIPMENT.
- (4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

  FIRE AND MEDICAL
- (5) Proposed measure to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:
  NONE NEEDED

#### b. Noise

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

  NONE
- (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.

  STANDARD CONSTRUCTION NOISE.
- (3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:
  NONE

# 8 Land and Shoreline Use

а.	What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? FARMING AND RUAL HOUSEING.
	Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? Yes No 🗸 If so, describe.
b.	Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? Yes No 🗸 If so, describe.
	How much agriculture or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any?  NONE
	If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to non-farm or non-forest use?  NONE
	(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? Yes No
	If so, how:

c. Describe any structures on the site.

ONE HOUSE AND EIGHT POTATO AND EQ. STOREAGE BUILDING

d.	Will any structures be demolished? Yes ☐ No ✓ If so, what?	-
e.	What is the current zoning classification of the site? AG.	
f.	What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? THR SAME A.G.	_
g.	If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation the site?  N.A.	on of
h.	Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the cit county? Yes No 🗸  If so, specify.	y or
i.	Approximately how many people would reside or work in the complete project?  FROM 1 TO25 DEPENDING ON THE SESAON  Potato sto	d rage SK 3/9
j.	Approximately how many people would the completed project displace NONE	?
	Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: NONE NEEDED	
	Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing projected land uses and plans, if any:  NONE NEEDED	and
	Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nea agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if ar THE WHOLE COMPLEX AND AREA IS ALREADY AG.COMPATIBLE, THATS THE REASON W	ıy? 🖳

WE ARE EXPANDING THERE.

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# 9 Housing

a.			how many middle, or lo				l, if any?	Indicate
		High Middle Low-inco		Number	of Units			None
b.			how many middle, or lov				eliminated	d? Indicate
		High Middle Low-inco		Number	of Units		Mor	le
C.	Propo NA.	sed meas	ures to redu	ce or co	ontrol ho	using impa	cts, if any	_
Αe	estheti	cs						
а.	anten	nas; what	allest height t is the princi SIDING AND RO	ipal ext	erior buil	ding mater		
b.	What NONE	views in t	the immediat	e vicini	ty would	be altered	or obstru	cted?
c.	Propo NA.	sed meas	ures to redu	ce or co	ontrol aes	sthetic impa	acts, if an	y:
Lig	ght and	d Glare						
а.	would	type of li it mainly ALL WILL BE		will the	e propos	al produce	? What t	ime of day
b.		light or ere with v	glare from iews?	the fir	nished p	roject be	a safety	hazard or

	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: NONE NEEDED
12	Re	ecreation
	a.	What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?  WALKING
	b.	Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.
	c.	Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: NONE NEEDED
13	His	storic and Cultural Preservation
		Storie and Calcarat Frederication
	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 located on or near the site? Yes No viscosition in No visco
		Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian, historic use or occupation, this may include human burials or old cemeteries? Yes No V No V No

	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.
	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.  NONENEEDED
14	Tı	ransportation
	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 plan, if any.  RATHBONERD., JUSTSOUTH OF BRICH-BAY LYNDEN RD.
	b.	Is site or geographic area currently served by public transit?  Yes No V  If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?  APP. 1 MILE.
	c.	How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?  NO MORE ,OR LESS THAN ALREADY EXIST.
	d.	Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? Yes No 🗸  If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

	e.	Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of)  Water, Rail, or Air transportation?  If so, generally describe.	
	f.	How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the complete project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occu and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercia and non-passenger vehicles). What data or transportation models wer used to make these estimates?  NO MORE THAN ALREADY EXSIST.	ır al
	g.	Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: NONE NEEDED00000000	
15	Pı	ublic Services	
	a.	Would the project result in an increased need for public services (fo example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? Yes No If so, generally describe.	r
	b.	Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services if any.  NONE NEEDED	,
16	Ut	cilities	
	a.	Check utilities currently available at the site:	
		<ul> <li>✓ Electricity,</li> <li>✓ Water,</li> <li>✓ Telephone,</li> <li>✓ Septic system,</li> <li>✓ Natural gas,</li> <li>✓ Refuse service,</li> <li>✓ Sanitary sewer,</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>	

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. ELECTRICTIY ONLY

### **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:

Date Submitted:

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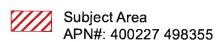
Reviewed by Whatcom County Planning & Development Services Staff

Staff Signature

Date



# - Vicinity Map



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