

Application to Terminate Site Certificate

Summit Ridge Wind Farm

March 8, 2024

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February 13, 2024

Kathleen Sloan

Senior Siting Analyst
Oregon Department of Energy
5505 Capital St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Application for Termination of the Site Certificate for the Summit Ridge Wind Farm and Withdrawal of Request for Amendment 6

Dear Ms. Sloan,

Aypa Power LLC (Aypa), on behalf of its wholly owned subsidiary Summit Ridge Wind, LLC (Summit Ridge or Certificate Holder), is providing formal notice of its application to terminate the Site Certificate for the Summit Ridge Wind Farm (SRW). Based on Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 345-027-0110, Aypa is submitting this termination application for the Summit Ridge Wind Farm Site Certificate and also formally withdrawing the August 2023 Request for Amendment (RFA) 6. The Site Certificate was originally issued on August 19, 2011, and amended over the years as follows:

Table 1: Site Certificate and Amendment History of the Summit Ridge Wind Farm, LLC

Amendment	Date	Details
Site Certificate	08/19/2011	Approved 200.1-MW wind-energy generation facility and supporting components.
Site Certificate on Amendment 1	08/07/2015	Increase wind turbine selection, reduce project footprint and number of turbines.
Site Certificate on Amendment 2	11/04/2016	Site Certificate ownership transfer, additional turbine option, deadline extension.
Site Certificate on Amendment 3	01/08/2018	Change in ownership of the Certificate Holder.
Site Certificate on Amendment 4	09/23/2019	Extend construction deadlines.
Site Certificate on Amendment 5	12/18/2020	Change in ownership of the Certificate Holder.
Request for Amendment 6	08/17/2023 (submitted; request withdrawal of this active request as part of the termination application.)	Reduce project footprint and number of turbines, add potential solar and battery storage components.

Reasons for termination of the existing Site Certificate for the SRW are as follows: Ayapa anticipates that the timeline for development and construction of the approved Facility will extend beyond the construction timeline that is currently authorized (or could be extended through Amendment 6) in the Site Certificate. In place of the terminated Site Certificate, Ayapa intends to pursue a new application at largely the same location (Summit Ridge Renewable Energy Facility [SRREF], with Notice of Intent [NOI] submitted as per 345-020-0006 on January 26, 2024). Ayapa anticipates the following schedule-related reasons to pursue a new application for SRREF:

- High voltage substation components will not be available prior to construction deadlines for SRW requested in Amendment 6.
- SRW would require another amendment to match the anticipated construction schedule.

Additionally, SRREF is different from SRW, and Ayapa believes that submittal of a new application will improve the permitting process because evaluation of a new application would be simpler than evaluating changes across several amendments. Unlike SRW, SRREF potentially integrates wind, solar, and battery storage. When compared to SRW, SRREF reduces the total number of wind turbines and reduces the site boundary from approximately 11,000 acres to approximately 4,601 acres. Thus, while SRREF shares certain characteristics with SRW, the former reflects significant revisions to the energy generation project that was approved and amended by the Energy Facility Siting Council (Council).

1.0 Terminating a Site Certificate OAR 345-027-110(1)

Per OAR 345-027-110(1), a certificate holder may apply to the Council to terminate a site certificate at any time, subject to the requirements of the rule. The initial phase of construction was limited to modifications to a primary access road (Exhibit 1). However, the next phase, to entail construction of the rest of the Facility and all associated infrastructure, was not commenced. This significantly limited the construction impact of the approved Facility.

The area permanently affected by the initial phase of construction is approximately 1.5 acres (and includes 0.79 miles of improved road) and is located in unincorporated Wasco County, where the predominant land use patterns are growing winter wheat and grazing. All land is in the Wasco County Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) zone. Local infrastructure includes major highway, rail, and electrical infrastructure as well as numerous ranches/farms. The area map (Exhibit 1) shows the agricultural nature of the surrounding land. Images showing the primary access road are attached in Exhibit 2.

2.0 Terminating a Site Certificate Following Cessation of Construction OAR 345-027-0110(2)

Construction on the initial phase of the Facility started on August 4, 2020, and concluded on August 18, 2020. Construction of that portion of the Facility is complete, and no additional construction will be performed under the authority of the Site Certificate. As per 345-027-0110(2), a certificate holder must apply to the Council to terminate a site certificate within two years following cessation of construction or operation of the facility. As construction of the entire Facility was not completed, the two-year threshold does not apply.

3.0 Proposed Final Retirement Plan for the Site OAR 345-027-110(4)(5)a-d

As per 345-027-0110(4), the certificate holder must include a final retirement plan for the facility and site. No construction of the Facility has occurred, beyond the road improvement mentioned above. Exhibits 2 and 3 show that the road that was improved during the initial phase of SRW is beneficial, in accordance with local zoning and necessary to maintain the usefulness of the Kortge Ranches LLC parcel (1S 15E 0 2000), which is privately held property. The affected landowner (Kortge) requests that the road improvement be retained for private use (Exhibit 2). Wasco County has confirmed, via email on August 12, 2020 (Exhibit 3), that the road construction occurred with the proper permits obtained through the Wasco County Planning Department, and is considered an accessory to the use of the property. Exhibit 3 also includes a

template letter for use by Wasco County; Ayapa requests that ODOE share this letter with the Wasco County Planning Department to request concurrence that the road will be allowed to continue use after the Site Certificate is terminated.

Thus, no decommissioning is planned. As the only constructed part of the Facility would remain and continue in use, no retirement activities will occur and therefore no retirement plan is included in this application.

OAR 345-027-0110(5) includes requirements for retirement, restoration, and public notice once the Facility is retired. The fulfillment of the OAR requirements is described below.

- *OAR 345-027-0110 (5)(a)*
As required by OAR 345-027-0110 (5)(a), the certificate holder must include a plan for retirement that provides for completion of retirement without significant delay and that protects public health, safety and the environment. The current state of the Facility poses no threat to public health, safety, and the environment and no retirement activities will occur, thus no plan for retirement is needed.
- *OAR 345-027-0110 (5)(b)*
As required by OAR 345-027-0110 (5)(b), the certificate holder must provide a description of actions the certificate holder proposes to take to restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition, including information on how impacts to fish, wildlife and the environment would be minimized during the retirement process. The certificate holder intends to leave the infrastructure (improved road) in place for use by private property owners and will therefore have no impact to fish, wildlife, and the environment during the retirement process. As no restoration activities will occur, no description of such activities is needed.
- *OAR 345-027-0110 (5)(c)*
As required by OAR 345-027-0110 (5)(c), the certificate holder must provide a current detailed cost estimate and a plan for ensuring the availability of adequate funds for completion of retirement. As there are no retirement actions expected, there are no corresponding projected costs associated for retirement. There will be general road maintenance during the lifecycle of the improved infrastructure, which will be the responsibility of the property owner. Thus, no cost estimate is needed.
- *Property Owner List OAR 345-027-110(5)d*
As required by OAR 345-021-0010(1)(f), Ayapa has attached an updated list of the described property owners and associated public notice map as Exhibits 4 and 5.

4.0 Site Conditions Related to Retirement in the Existing Site Certificate

There are two Site Certificate conditions that address retirement:

- **Site Condition 6.1.** The certificate holder shall:
 - c. Prior to facility retirement, notify the Department of the identity, telephone number, e-mail address and qualifications of the personnel or entity responsible for facility decommissioning and restoration activities. Qualifications shall demonstrate that the identified personnel have experience in managing permit and regulatory compliance requirements and are qualified to decommission a wind utility-scale energy facility.
[Final Order on Amendment 3]

- **Site Condition 9.6.**

Upon completion of construction, the certificate holder shall restore vegetation to the extent practicable and shall landscape all areas disturbed by construction in a manner compatible with the surroundings and proposed use and in compliance with the Revegetation and Weed Control Plan (Exhibit 1 to the Final Order). Upon completion of construction, the certificate holder shall remove all temporary structures not required for facility operation and dispose of all timber, brush, refuse and flammable or combustible material resulting from clearing of land and construction of the facility. [Final Order IV.C.2.6] [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006 (11)]

As no decommissioning or restoration is anticipated, no personnel are needed to be responsible for decommissioning or restoration activities. Based upon the foregoing, all obligations under OAR 345-027-0110 and the Site Certificate have been met and, accordingly, Aypa requests termination of the Summit Ridge Wind Farm Site Certificate and withdrawal of Request for Amendment 6.

Sincerely,



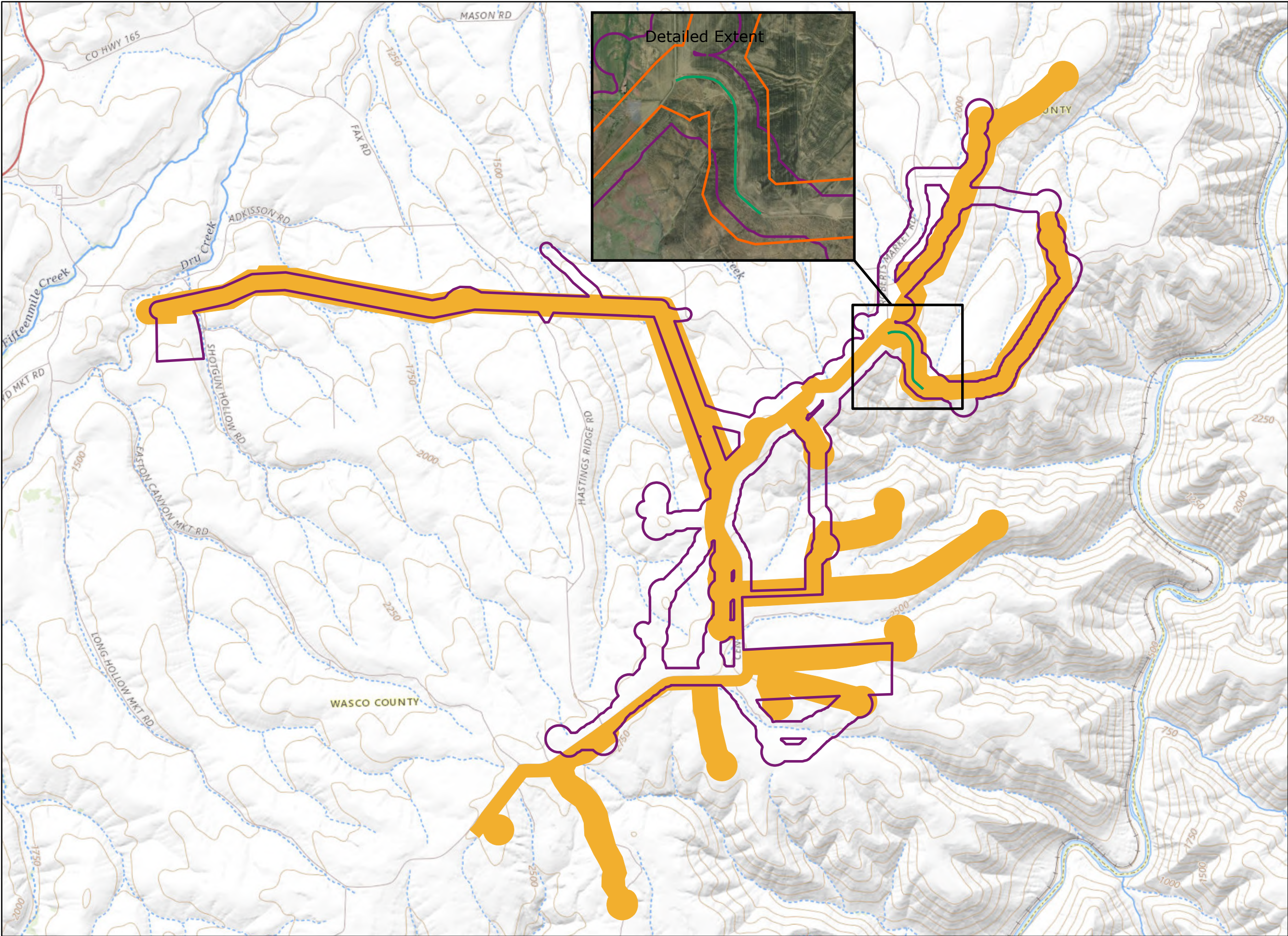
Sam Littlefield

Sam Littlefield
Executive Vice President, Development
Aypa Power

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Summit Ridge Wind Farm

Exhibit 1 Road Improvement

WASCO COUNTY, OR

-  Amended Site Boundary (RFA6)
-  Permitted Site Boundary (RFA5)
-  Upgraded Existing Road
-  Taxlot Boundary



Reference Map



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WGS 1984 UTM Zone 10N



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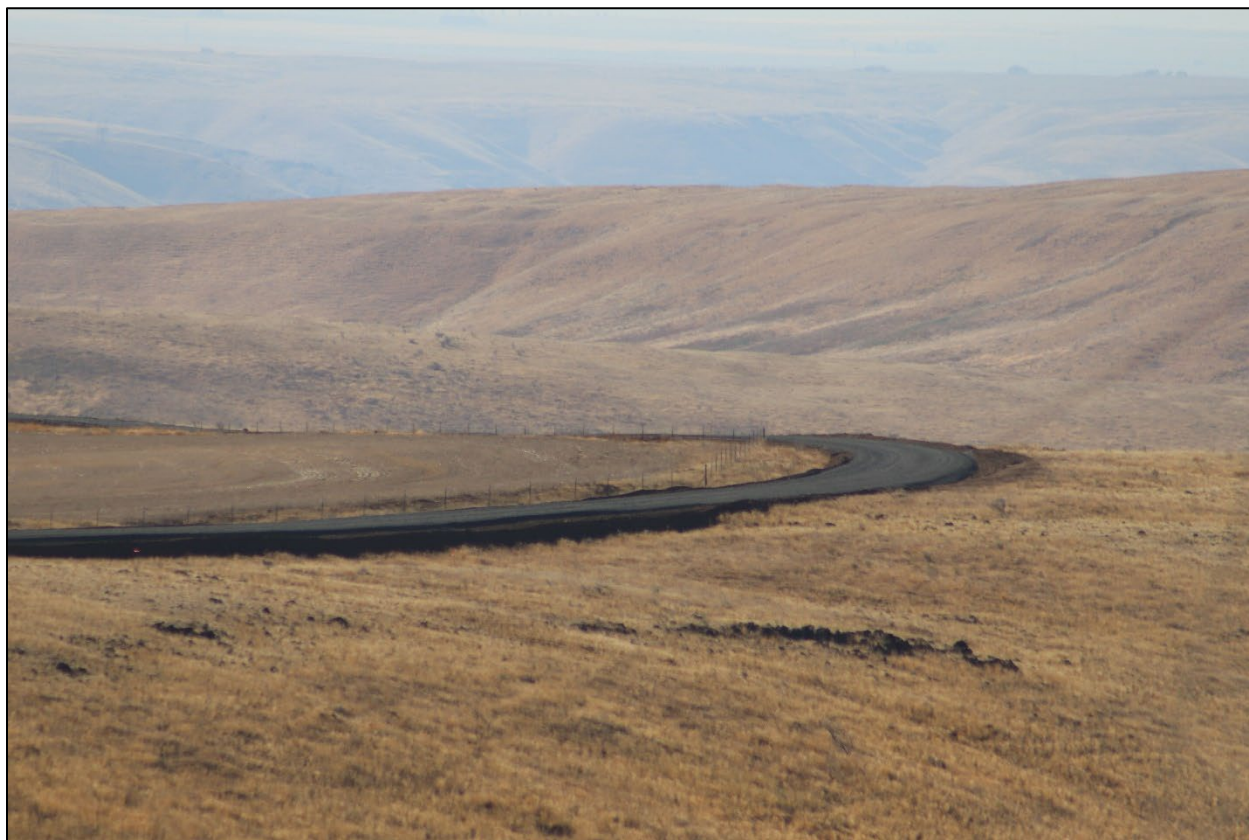


Image 1. Road Improvement View 1.



Image 2. Road Improvement View 2.

July, 2, 2020

Summit Ridge Wind, LLC
C/O
Steven A. Ostrowski, Jr.
9611 NE 117th Ave
Suite 2840
Vancouver, WA 98662

Subject: Request to Retain Improved Access Road

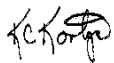
Reference: Summit Ridge Wind, Phase 1 Construction

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that upon the conclusion of the Summit Ridge Wind project, rather than restore the access road on our property to its current condition, we wish to retain the access road improvements planned for Phase 1 of the construction effort for Summit Ridge Wind.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Korte", is positioned above the printed name of the sender.

Kortge Ranches, LLC

From: [Arthur Smith](#)
To: [Steven Ostrowski](#)
Subject: Re: Confirming Phone Conversation of 7/6
Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 1:57:38 PM

Steve,

Yes, we spoke in July about Phase 1 and I reiterated that because the work was being performed on private property and that the expected amount of traffic would be of little to no impact to the existing county roads, that I would not be requiring additional road permits or a Road Use agreement. I apologize for the misunderstanding. I believe the timeline error was on my part as I was referencing the Setback Variance conversation from 2016 and again in 2018. Any additional questions or concerns, please contact me. Thank you

Arthur

On Wed, Aug 12, 2020 at 1:49 PM Steven Ostrowski <SOstrowski@energysi.org> wrote:

Mr. Smith,

The purpose of this email is to confirm our conversation of July 6th regarding planned access road upgrade work and potential impacts due to our Phase 1 construction efforts at Summit Ridge.

- I identified that Summit Ridge Wind was intending to perform Phase 1 construction work at the Summit Ridge site beginning some time in late July/early August.
- The specific work was the upgrade of approximately 2 miles of existing access road on private property.
- I asked if there were any specific permits we would be required to secure as a result of this work.
- I also inquired if we needed to enter into a 'Road Impact Assessment' or Road Use agreement or other road related permit.

Your response was as follows:

- Given the road improvements were on private land, it was not your jurisdiction.
- No other permits, Road Assessments or Road Use agreements were required for this work.

We casually agreed to revisit this matter prior to future major construction activities at the project.

Please advise if this is contrary to your understanding of our conversation.

Thank you,

Steve Ostrowski

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



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In an effort to prevent, slow, and stop the spread of COVID-19 to our citizens, our office will be limiting business to phone, email and online service. If you are not sure how to access services online, or you have a need that requires in-person assistance, please call our office at 541-506-2640 to discuss. Please keep in mind that response time may vary depending on staffing. Thank you for your patience during this time.

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2705 East 2nd Street | The Dalles, OR 97058

INSERT DATE

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Senior Siting Analyst
5505 Capital St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Termination of the Site Certificate for Summit Ridge Wind Farm

Dear Ms. Sloan,

The purpose of this letter is to address existing land uses occurring on property owned by Kortge Ranches LLC in Wasco County (parcel 1S 15E 0 2000). It is our understanding that the certificate holder, Summit Ridge Wind, LLC, has provided notice of intent to terminate the site certificate for the Summit Ridge Wind Farm.

On August 12, 2020, our department found that the existing development by the certificate holder on the property (road improvement of 0.79 miles and 1.5 acres), was on private property and that the expected amount of traffic would be of little to no impact to the existing county roads, thus no road permits or Road Use Agreement were necessary for the road improvement. We further find that the road improvement is considered accessory to the use of the property, and will be allowed to continue use after project termination.

Thank you for your attention to our comments. Additional questions may be directed to Arthur Smith, Director, Public Works, 2705 East 2nd Street, The Dalles, OR 97058; 541-506-2645 or email at arthurs@co.wasco.or.us.

Sincerely,

Kelly Howsley-Glover
Planning Director
2705 East 2nd Street
The Dalles, OR 97058
541-506-2645

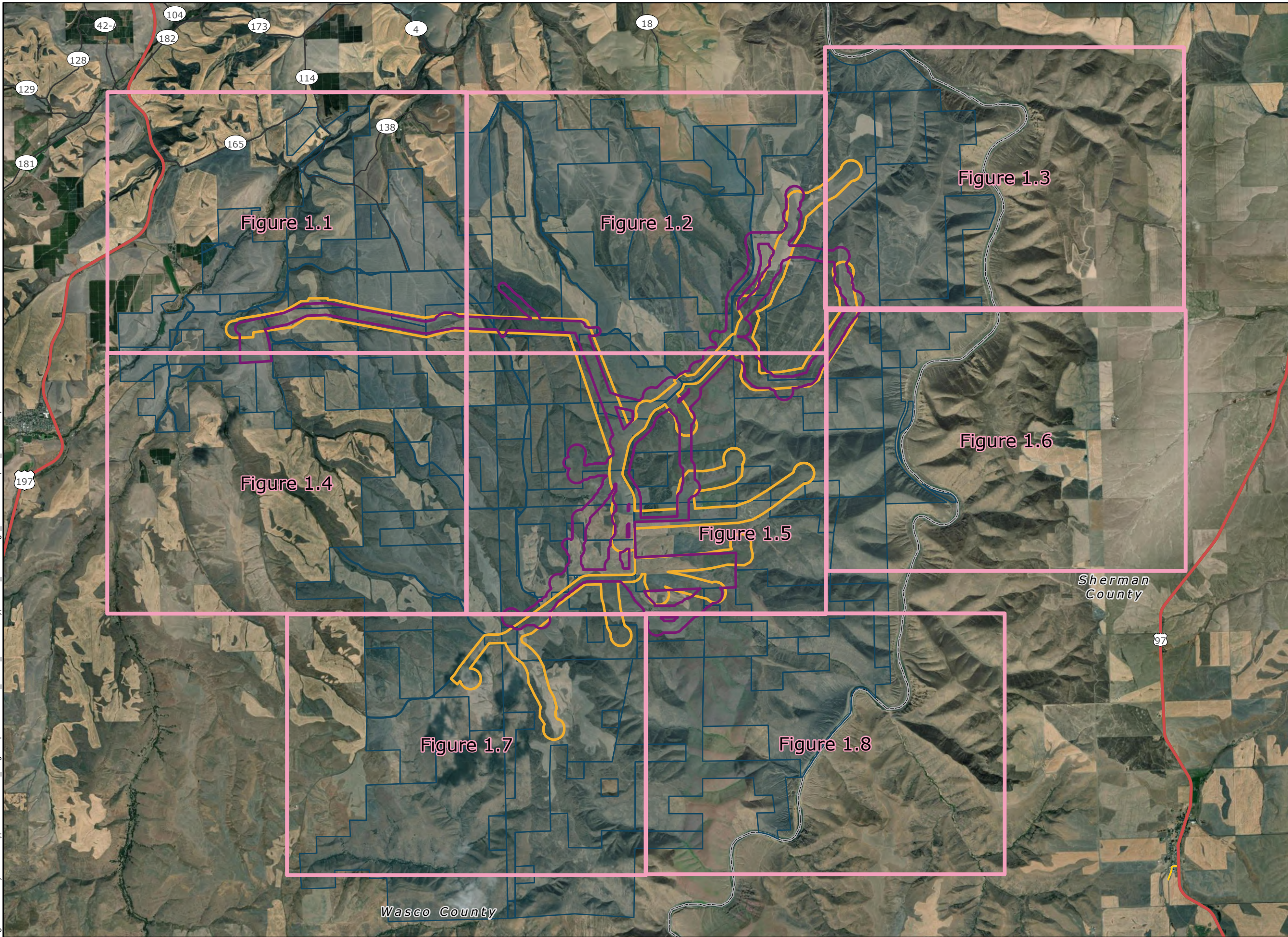
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Summit Ridge Wind Farm

Exhibit 5
Figure 1
Tax Lot Boundaries
Index Map

WASCO COUNTY, OR

- Map Grid
- Permitted Site Boundary (RFA5)
- Amended Site Boundary (RFA6)
- Tax Lot Boundary*
- US Highway
- State Highway
- County Highway
- County Boundary

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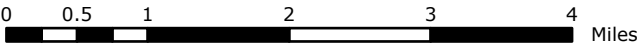


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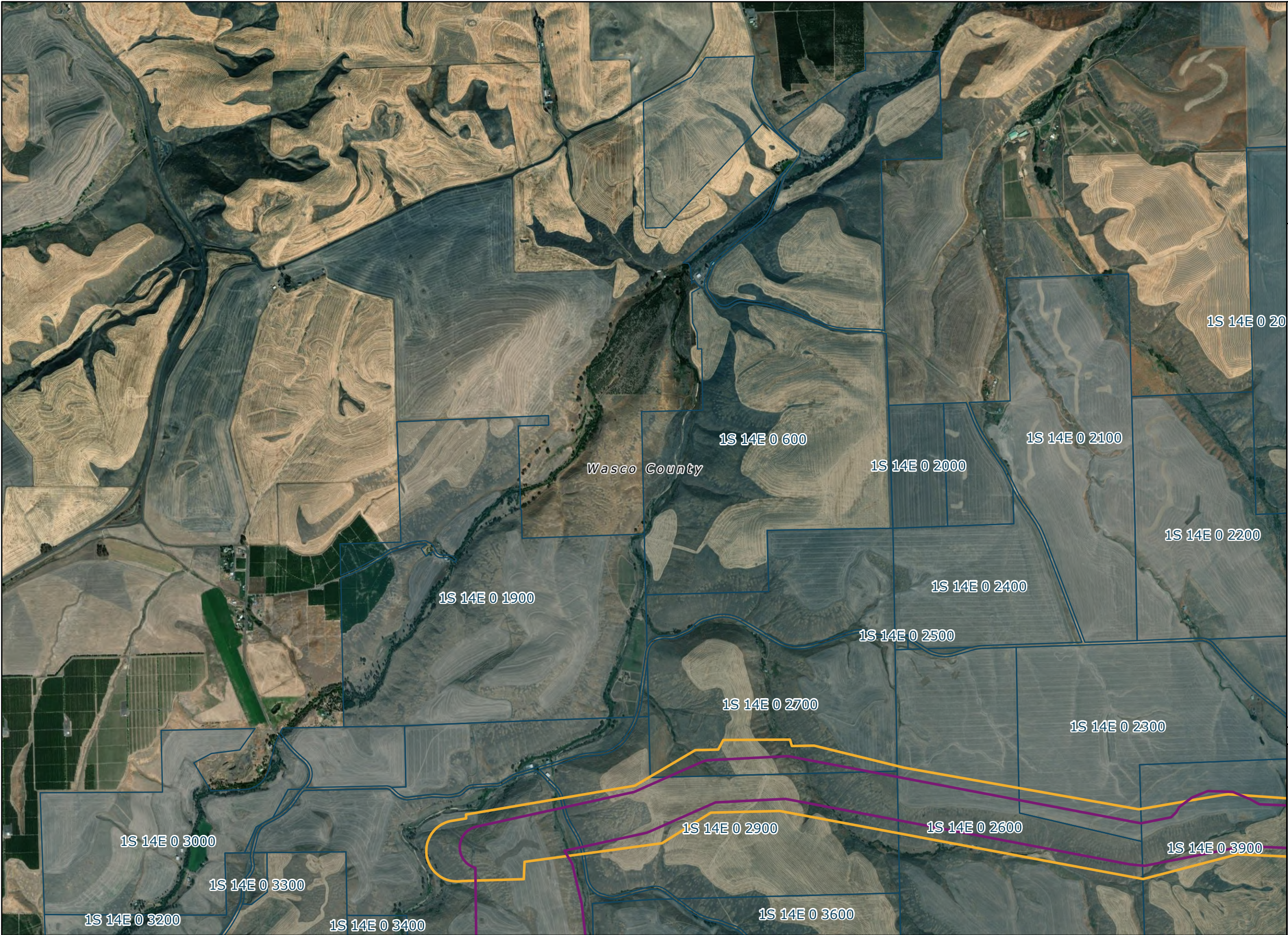
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Summit Ridge Wind Farm

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Tax Lot Boundaries Within
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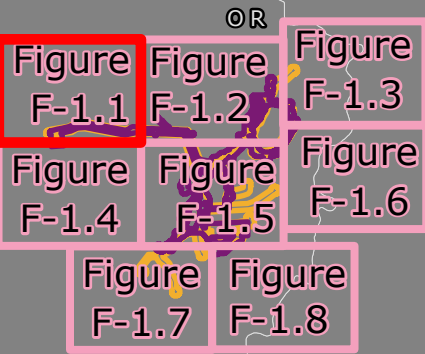
WASCO COUNTY, OR

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- Tax Lot Boundary*

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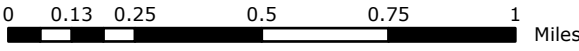


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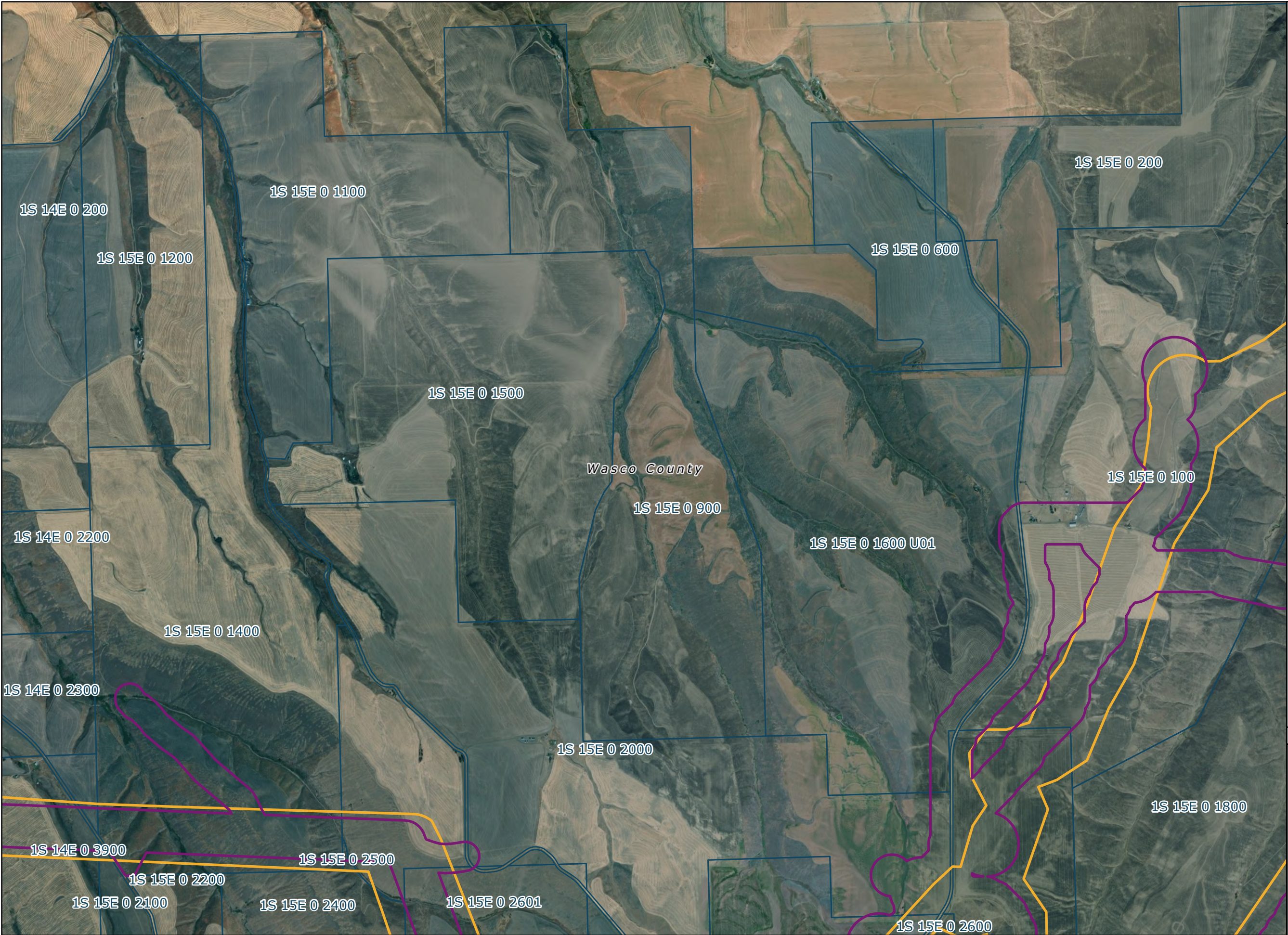
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**Summit Ridge
Wind Farm**

Exhibit 5
Figure 1.2
Tax Lot Boundaries Within
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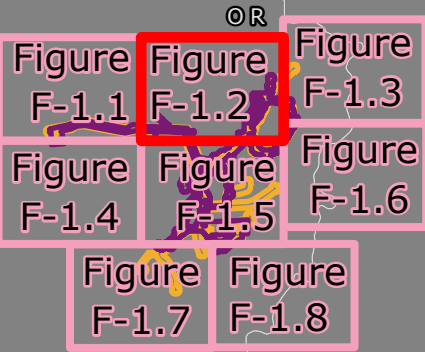
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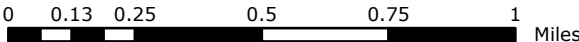


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**Summit Ridge
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Exhibit 5
Figure 1.3
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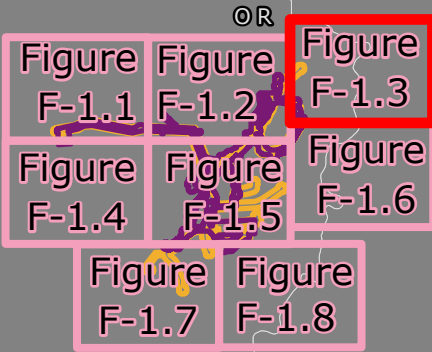
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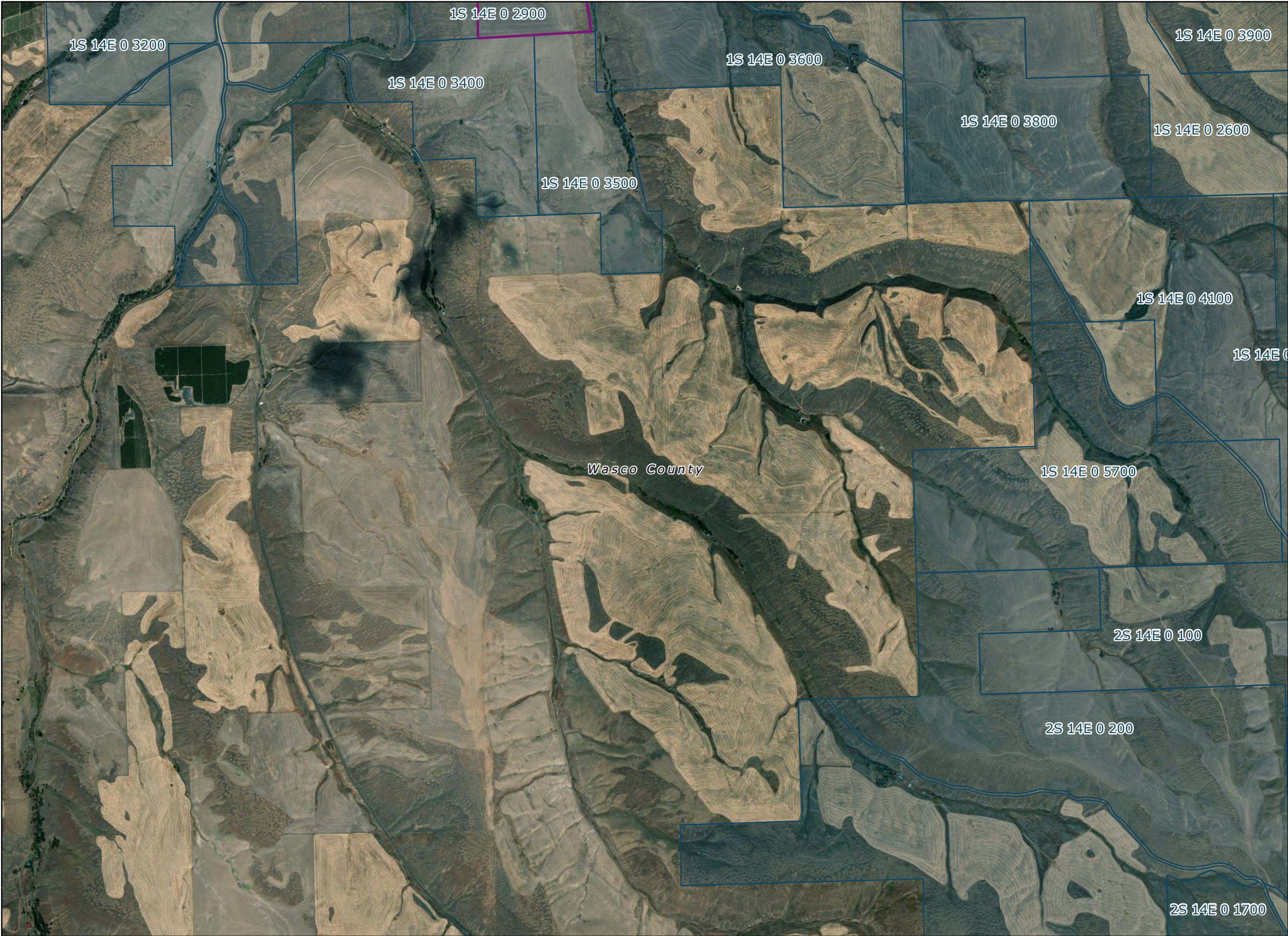
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**Summit Ridge
Wind Farm**

Exhibit 5
Figure 1.4
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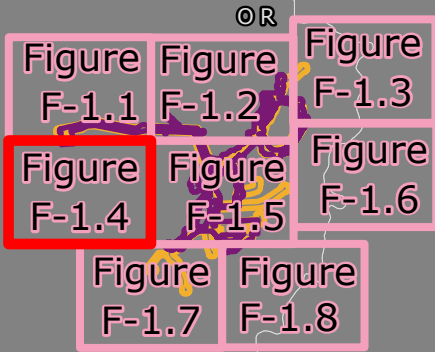
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-  Tax Lot Boundary*

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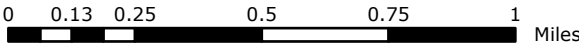


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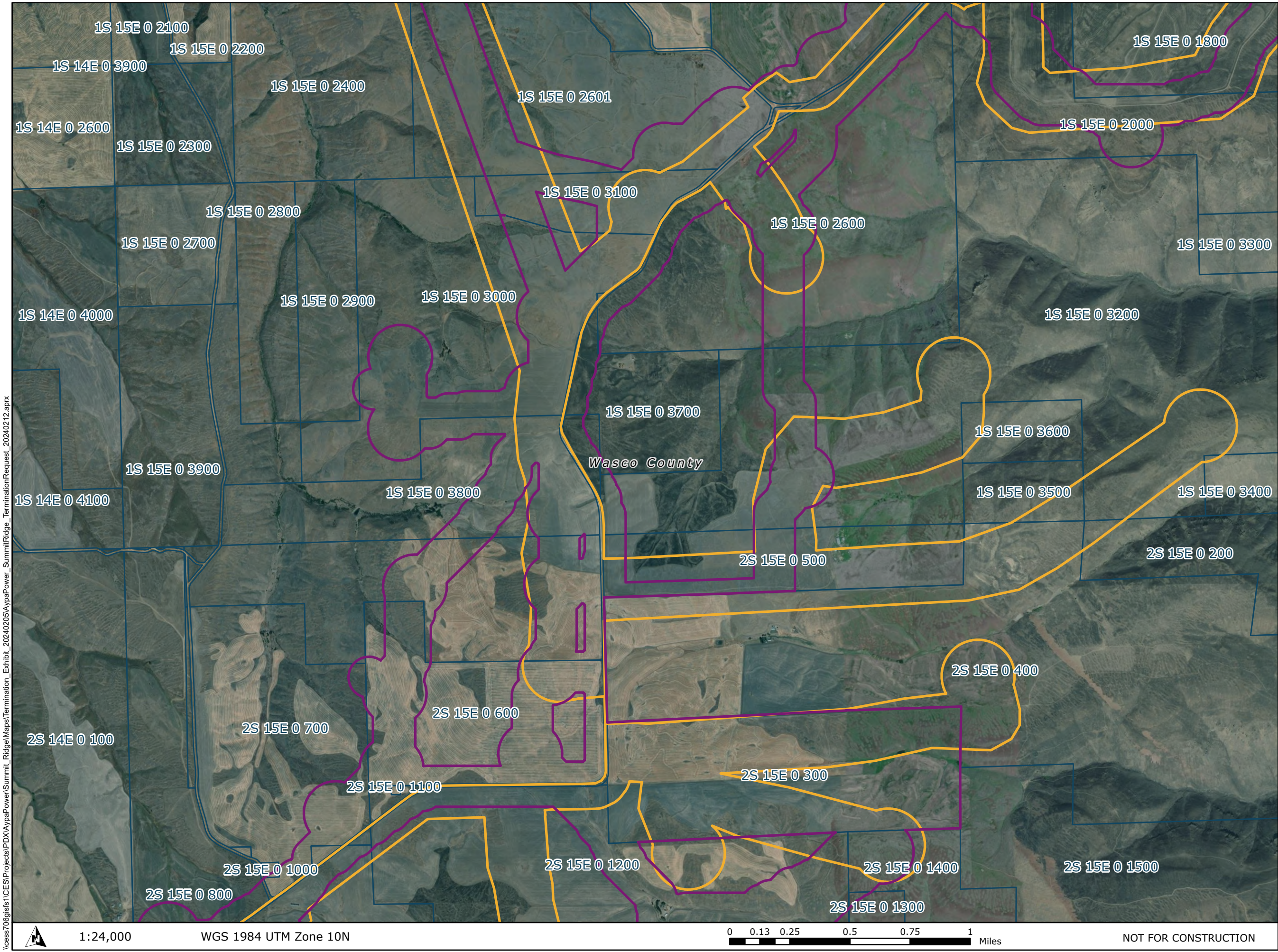


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Exhibit 5
Figure 1.5
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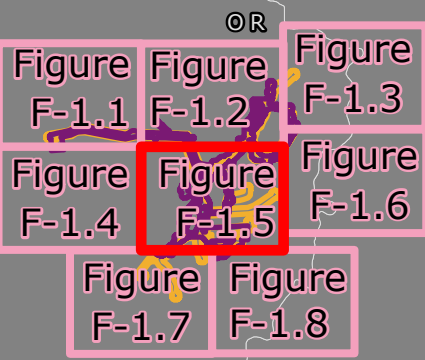
WASCO COUNTY, OR

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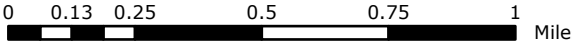


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Summit Ridge Wind Farm

Exhibit 5
Figure 1.6
Tax Lot Boundaries Within
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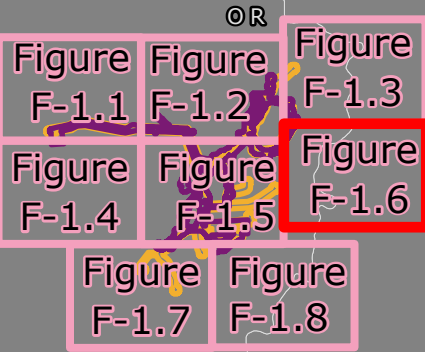
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- Tax Lot Boundary*

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Exhibit 5
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Tax Lot Boundaries Within
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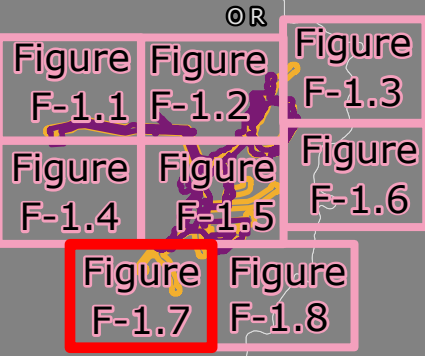
WASCO COUNTY, OR

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Summit Ridge Wind Farm

Exhibit 5
Figure 1.8
Tax Lot Boundaries Within
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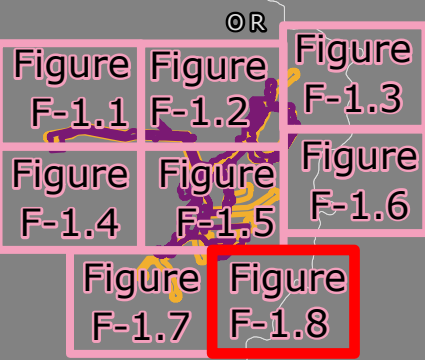
WASCO COUNTY, OR

- Amended Site Boundary (RFA6)
- County Boundary
- Tax Lot Boundary*

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March 7, 2024

Kathleen Sloan
Senior Siting Analyst
Oregon Department of Energy
550 Capitol St. NE, 1st Floor
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Application for Termination of the Site Certificate for the Summit Ridge Wind Farm and Withdrawal of Request for Amendment 6

Dear Ms. Sloan:

Aypa Power LLC (Aypa), on behalf of its wholly owned subsidiary Summit Ridge Wind, LLC (Summit Ridge or Certificate Holder), requested on February 13, 2024, a formal notice to terminate the Site Certificate for the Summit Ridge Wind Farm (SRW). In response to this request, ODOE provided on February 22, 2024, a list of data request items; they are addressed in order below with Aypa's response:

1. Administrative: Please update Exhibit 1 (Map) to only present the permitted site boundary and location of road improvement (remove the proposed amended site boundary that was presented in RFA6).

Response: As requested, Exhibit 1 (Map) has been updated to only present the permitted site boundary and location of road improvement. The Map removed the proposed amended site boundary that was presented in RFA6. The revised Map is included with this supplemental letter as Exhibit 1.

2. 345-027-0110(5)(a) Retirement Plan. To support review of this requirement, please describe, in detail, the work conducted at the site following completion of the road improvements to restore the surrounding land. Provide the dates the work was completed and identify the contractor that completed the work. Provide copies of monitoring and treatment reports, as completed under the Reveg and Noxious Weed Control Plan (Condition 5.6).

Response: The work conducted at the site following completion of the road improvements to restore the surrounding land constituted reseeding as identified by the revegetation plan for Phase 1. The work was performed and completed by Crestline Construction between 10/21/2020 through 10/23/2020. Reseeding results were confirmed by Northwest Wildlife Consultants with on-site surveys in 2021 and 2022 (Exhibit 2, NWC 2021, NWC 2022).

The area disturbed during the 2020 road improvement is now completely revegetated, as a cold wet spring in 2022 enabled the proliferation of vegetation throughout this area. The 2022 report by Northwest Wildlife Consultants (NWC 2022) identified that "Nearly all of the plants now present were not, however, those included in the seed mix that was applied, but rather non-native annual grasses and forbs (Photos 2a and 2b). Species now predominating the revegetated area include cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*) and tall tumble mustard (*Sisymbrium altissimum*; as shown in Photo 2a and 2b), with small patches of common wheat (*Triticum aestivum*) and other grasses and a few isolated diffuse knapweed (*Centaurea diffusa*) plants. While these are not the species included in the seed mix, they are the species that were present before the road improvement resulted in the disturbance (Photo 1)." As a result, the area of disturbance has been returned to its pre-construction state.

3. *Provide Notice of Termination of the 1200-C from DEQ, providing a level of assurance that the site has been stabilized (Condition 9.1).*

Response: Aypa has obtained the Notice of Termination of the 1200-C from DEQ, in compliance with Condition 9.1. The DEQ Notice of Termination of the 1200-C is included with this supplemental letter as Exhibit 3.

4. *345-027-0110(5)(c) Cost Estimate. Exhibit 2 provides a July 2, 2020 property owner letter (Kortge Ranches, LLC). This letter is nearly 4 years old and does not provide a statement by the landowner acknowledging their long-term responsibility for the road, which is important from the perspective of leaving infrastructure associated with an EFSC facility in place following decommissioning. Please obtain a current landowner letter acknowledging their long-term responsibility for maintenance of the road.*

Response: Aypa has obtained a letter from the property owner (Kortge Ranches, LLC), dated March 5, 2024, indicating their wish for the road conditions to remain unchanged as well as acknowledging that, with the termination of the existing Site Certificate, they would release Summit Ridge Wind, LLC from all responsibility for the maintenance of the access road, which is on their property. This letter is included with this supplemental letter as Exhibit 4.

Based upon the foregoing responses and attachments herein, Aypa has provided the remaining data request items sent February 22, 2024, and requests termination of the Summit Ridge Wind Farm Site Certificate and withdrawal of Request for Amendment 6.

Sincerely,



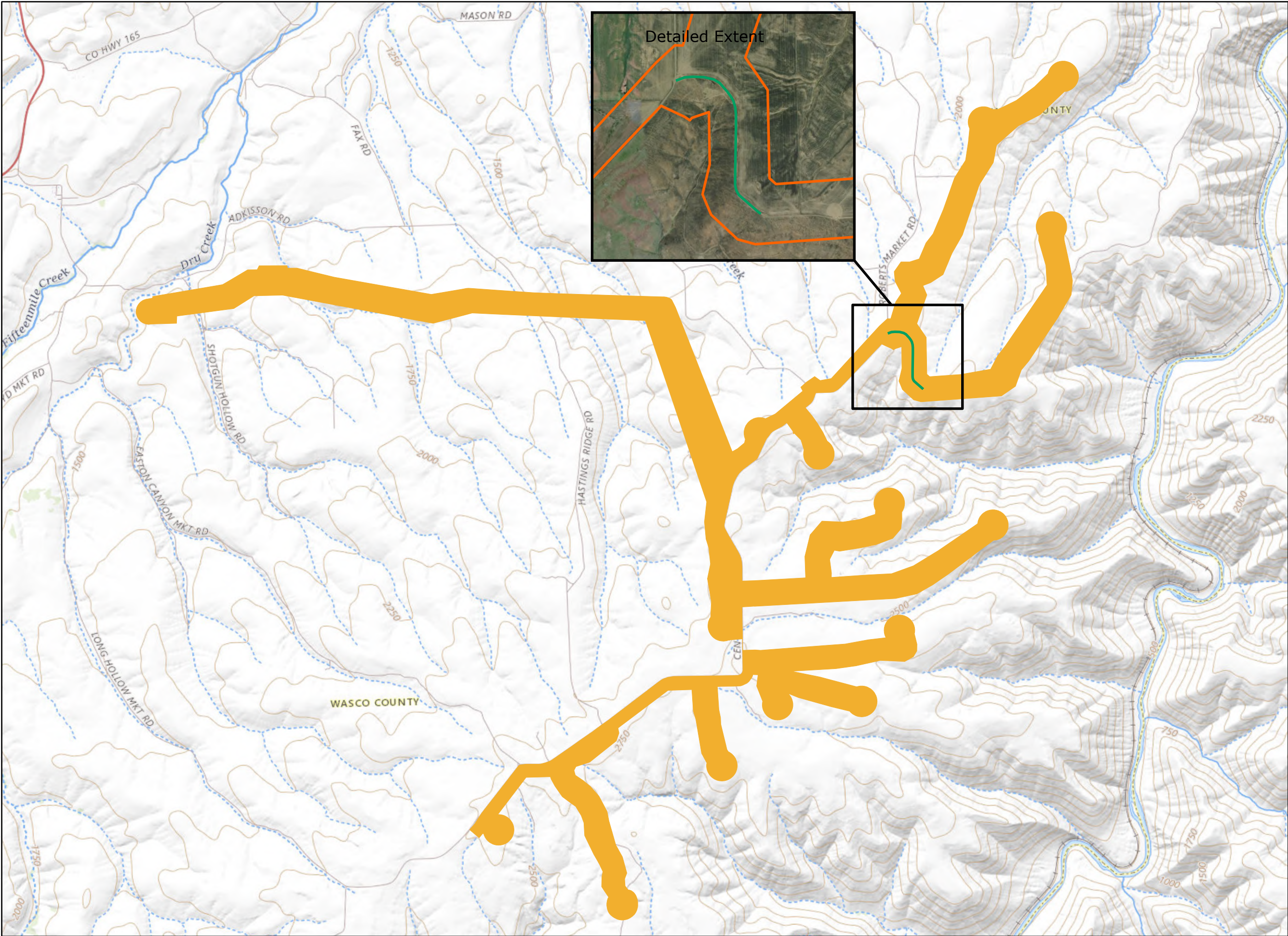
Sam Littlefield

Sam Littlefield
Executive Vice President, Development
Aypa Power

List of attachments/exhibits:

Exhibit 1: Road Improvement Map (revised)
Exhibit 2: Monitoring and Treatment Reports
Exhibit 3: DEQ Notice of Termination of the 1200-C
Exhibit 4: Kortge Ranches, LLC Letter

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Summit Ridge Wind Farm

Exhibit 1 Road Improvement

WASCO COUNTY, OR

- Permitted Site Boundary (RFA5)
- Upgraded Existing Road
- Taxlot Boundary

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Reference Map



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Northwest
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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 13, 2021

To: Summit Ridge Wind, LLC

From: Rick Gerhardt and Karen Kronner, Wildlife Biologists
NWC, Inc.

Subject: Road Improvement Revegetation and Weed Monitoring 2021

In 2020, Summit Ridge Wind, LLC began road improvements as part of the construction of the Summit Ridge Wind Farm (EFSC 2020 and EFSC 2019) in Wasco County, Oregon. Summit Ridge Wind Farm, located approximately 8 miles east of Dufur, Oregon, is a permitted wind project currently under construction. Phase 1 construction was completed in August of 2020 and the project is currently in the process of updating site environmental information and evaluating equipment and other project design options in preparation for completing construction by the third quarter of 2023.

The 2020 road improvement involved applying gravel to an existing private mostly-dirt road that will be used as a project access road. This private road lies entirely within the existing approved site boundary (EFSC 2020 and EFSC 2019). It begins on the east side of Roberts Market Road (a public road) approximately one mile north of the junction of Roberts Market Road, Wrentham Market Road, and Summit Ridge Road. Graveling occurred on approximately 2400 linear feet. The habitat north of the road upgrade is dryland wheat; the habitat at south of the road upgrade is a mix of native rabbitbrush/buckwheat shrub steppe and native perennial grassland. The approved seed mix used in the revegetation effort included Sherman big bluegrass (*Poa secunda*), Magnar basin wildrye (*Leymus cinereus*), Whitmar beardless wheatgrass (*Pseudoroegneria spicata inermis*), Sandberg's bluegrass (*Poa sandbergii*), Idaho fescue (*Festuca idahoensis*), and Basin big sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata tridentata*). The seed was applied with the broadcast method.

Since the 2019 Revegetation and Weed Control Plan (the Plan; EFSC 2019, Attachment E) requires restoration of non-cultivated areas disturbed during construction, a revegetation effort was completed in September 2020. In addition, the Plan also specifies a preconstruction weed inventory. Although all of the upcoming construction disturbance was expected to occur only within the existing road, Summit Ridge Wind requested in 2020 that NWC survey and record county noxious weeds at the road prior to initiation of ground disturbance (NWC 2020). NWC looked 15 feet outside the existing road and representative photos were taken. The assessment was conducted May 28 and July 15, 2020. Oregon noxious weeds (Wasco County, 2008), Pest List A, B, C and Q were the target species.

In early summer of 2021, Summit Ridge Wind LLC contracted Northwest Wildlife Consultants, Inc. (NWC) to monitor the success of the revegetation effort and, if applicable, to identify any noxious weeds within the area disturbed by the road

improvement work. This memorandum describes the results of that monitoring and was prepared in support of the Phase I "Start of Construction" activities identified to NWC in 2020 and 2021 by Summit Ridge Wind, LLC and in accordance with Addendum 4 of the Summit Ridge Wind Farm Site Certificate and permit conditions 9.6 and 9.7 in the Final Orders of both Addendum 4 and 5) (EFSC 2019 and EFSC 2020).

Monitoring took place on August 17, when the entirety of the road improvement was traversed by a NWC wildlife and habitat specialist. The area of temporary disturbance was confined to the south side of the road, and amounted to less than (and at places significantly less than) 1 meter from the road. Within the area of disturbance, there was evidence of young plants of just one unidentifiable species of the six species included in the seed mix used; a small number of young Basin big sagebrush were observed. There was no evidence of other new plants, and the 2020-2021 drought conditions at the site likely prevented germination of other species included in the seed mix.

There was little evidence of non-native plant species within the disturbance area. Within the westernmost 200 meters, there were a handful of isolated diffuse knapweed (*Centaurea diffusa*; List B, Wasco County Weed Department, 2021) plants, also on the south side of the road edge. These young plants appeared to have been newly colonizing the area disturbed during road improvement, and it is recommended that these be eradicated. In 2020 diffuse knapweed was extensive throughout the edges of the existing road and occasionally within the road (NWC 2020). With the exception of these few (desirable) Basin big sagebrush and (undesirable) diffuse knapweed, the disturbed area generally remained characterized by bare ground. There was, however, no sign of soil erosion associated with the road improvement.

Also noted was a small patch of yellow star-thistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*; List B, Wasco County Weed Department, 2021) near the southernmost bend in the improved road. This patch existed prior to road improvement (as noted during the 2020 wildlife surveys) and is outside the disturbance area; nonetheless, it is recommended that these noxious weeds be eradicated as well.

It is anticipated that further monitoring of this revegetation effort will occur during spring or summer of 2022. Annual monitoring of revegetated areas and monitoring for/controlling noxious weeds will occur for the first five years post-construction. Weed control for the whole project will occur annually for the life of the facility, as per the Plan and the Site Certificate conditions.

References

- Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC). 2020. Summit Ridge Wind Farm Amendment 5. Final Order on Request for Certificate Ownership Transfer Request to the Site Certificate. Dated December 18, 2020.
- Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC). 2019. Summit Ridge Wind Farm Final Order for Amendment 4 to the Site Certificate. Dated August 23, 2019.
- Northwest Wildlife Consultants, Inc. (NWC). 2020. Summit Ridge Wind Farm Weed Review for 2020 Road Upgrade. Prepared for Summit Ridge Wind, LLC.
- Wasco County Weed Department, 2021. Weed list and classifications. Available at: https://cms5.revize.com/revize/wascocounty/document_center/Public%20Works/wdlist08.pdf



Northwest
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Consultants, Inc.

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 15, 2022

To: Summit Ridge Wind, LLC

From: Rick Gerhardt and Karen Kronner, Wildlife Biologists
NWC, Inc.

Subject: Phase 1 Road Improvement Construction Revegetation and Weed
Monitoring 2022

Background

Summit Ridge Wind Farm (Project), located approximately 8 miles east of Dufur, Oregon in Wasco County, is a permitted wind energy generation facility permitted for up to 72 wind turbines with a peak generating capacity of 194.4 megawatts located within a site boundary of approximately 11,000 acres. Construction was initiated in 2020.

In 2020, Summit Ridge Wind began road improvements as part (Phase 1) of the construction. Associated with those improvements was a revegetation effort, which was completed in September of 2020. In addition to a 2021 effort to identify the presence of any noxious weeds growing in the revegetated construction area (Gerhardt, 2021), in the spring of 2022, SRW contracted Northwest Wildlife Consultants, Inc. (NWC) to monitor the success of the revegetation effort and, if applicable, to identify the presence of any noxious weeds within the area disturbed by the road improvement work. This memorandum summarizes the revegetation effort (as previously described in Gerhardt, 2021) and describes the results of the 2022 monitoring.

The approved 2020 Phase 1 Construction Revegetation and Weed Control Plan (the Plan; SRW 2020) requires restoration of non-cultivated areas disturbed during construction. The road improvement revegetation effort was completed in September 2020. In addition, the Plan also specifies a pre-construction and post-construction weed inventory. Pre-construction inventory results for the whole Project are described in the Plan. A site-specific weed review was conducted in May and July 2020 prior to the road disturbance (Kronner and Gritski 2020). Photo 1 illustrates a representative area of part of the planned improvement area along the existing road.

The 2020 road improvement involved applying gravel to an existing private mostly-dirt road that will be used as a Project access road. This private road lies entirely within the existing approved site boundary (EFSC 2020 and EFSC 2019). It begins on the east side of Roberts Market Road (a public road) approximately one mile north of the junction of Roberts Market Road, Wrentham Market Road, and Summit Ridge Road. Graveling occurred on approximately 2,400 linear feet. Graveling resulted in an area of disturbance of less than two feet along the roadside; disturbance was continuous on the south side of the road, but also affected the north side in a few places. The habitat north of the road upgrade is dryland wheat; the habitat at south of the road upgrade is a mix

of native rabbitbrush/buckwheat shrub steppe and native perennial grassland. The approved seed mix used in the revegetation effort included six species: Sherman big bluegrass (*Poa secunda*), Magnar basin wildrye (*Leymus cinereus*), Whitmar beardless wheatgrass (*Pseudoroegneria spicata inermis*), Sandberg's bluegrass (*Poa sandbergii*), Idaho fescue (*Festuca idahoensis*), and Basin big sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata tridentata*). The seed was applied with the broadcast method.

Methods and Results

The State of Oregon Noxious Weed List (ODA, 2022) and the Wasco County Weed (Pest) List (WCWD 2022) were consulted for current species and status. The 2022 monitoring took place on July 7, when the entirety of the road improvement was traversed by a NWC wildlife and habitat specialist who conducted the onsite wildlife and habitat surveys as well as the 2021 revegetation and weed monitoring. The area disturbed during the 2020 road improvement is now completely revegetated, as a cold wet spring in 2022 enabled the proliferation of vegetation throughout this area. Nearly all of the plants now present were not, however, those included in the seed mix that was applied, but rather non-native annual grasses and forbs (Photos 2a and 2b). Species now predominating the revegetated area include cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*) and tall tumble mustard (*Sisymbrium altissimum*; as shown in Photo 2a and 2b), with small patches of common wheat (*Triticum aestivum*) and other grasses and a few isolated diffuse knapweed (*Centaurea diffusa*) plants. While these are not the species included in the seed mix, they are the species that were present before the road improvement resulted in the disturbance (Photo 1).

Diffuse knapweed is classified as a 'B' pest in Wasco County (WCWD, 2022); the others are not considered noxious weeds locally. Diffuse knapweed was one of the first plants to recolonize the area disturbed during road improvement (Gerhardt, 2021); it is dispersed throughout many of the non-agricultural habitats surrounding the Project area, and eradicating it throughout that larger area is likely unfeasible. Nonetheless, where it is found within the disturbed and revegetated area, it should be sprayed during the appropriate season in an attempt to eradicate it from that area. A small number (less than ten) of young Basin big sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata tridentata*; included in the seed mix) were found growing along the south side of the road improvement, but none of the seed-mix grasses were detected.

There was no evidence of any erosion associated with the road improvement activities, and the establishment and growth of grasses throughout the disturbed area precludes any future erosion. Outside of the area disturbed and revegetated for the road improvement but inside the site boundary, there was a small (approximately 1 acre) patch of yellow star-thistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*; classified as a 'B' pest in Wasco County; WCWD, 2022) that was also identified during the 2021 monitoring (Gerhardt, 2021). This patch existed prior to road improvement (as noted during the 2020 wildlife surveys). Nonetheless, because of its small and currently finite size, it is recommended that the landowner be notified to address eradication while it is still small.

Future Monitoring

It is anticipated that further monitoring of this revegetation effort will occur during spring or summer of 2023. Annual monitoring of revegetated areas and monitoring for/controlling noxious weeds was designed to occur for the first five years post-construction. Weed monitoring and control for the whole Project will occur annually for the life of the facility, as per the Plan and the Site Certificate conditions.

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Photo 1. Summer of 2020. Representative photo of 2020 planned Phase 1 road improvement area along existing road.

Several individual diffuse knapweed plants (dark green).



Photos 2a and 2b. Summer of 2022. Representative photos of 2020 Phase 1 road improvement disturbance and revegetation area.

Narrow road improvement temporarily disturbed edge. Fully revegetated in 2022, primarily by non-native cheatgrass (tan) and tall tumble mustard (green, photo 2b).

2a



2b





Notice of Termination

For NPDES General Permit to Discharge Stormwater Associated With Construction Activity

Use this form to end permit coverage once all soil disturbance activities have been completed and final stabilization of exposed soils has occurred. Please print in ink or type.

Submit photos that depict site stabilization, unless the site has been inspected by DEQ or Agent.

PERMIT REGISTRANT

Name (authorized person meeting the signature requirements on the application):
Steven A. Ostrowski, Jr.

Telephone:
360.910.7625

Company (Legal Name - Permit Registrant):
Summit Ridge Wind Holdings, LLC

Mailing Address:
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File Number (located on face page of permit):
126989

SITE LOCATION/ADDRESS

Site Common Name:
Sunlit Ridge Wind Project

Street Address (or Location Description):
Roberts Market Road and Wrentham Rd, Th

City (or nearest city):
The Dalles

County:
Wasco

STATUS OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

- ☒ All soil disturbance activities by or for the registrant have been completed.
- ☐ The site has undergone stabilization of all exposed soils through vegetation, paving, or building construction (for a common plan of development or sale, all remaining disturbed areas are covered by either a small lot permit or the 1200-CN).
- ☐ All stormwater discharges from construction activities that are authorized by this permit are eliminated.
- ☐ All temporary erosion and sediment controls have been removed and properly disposed, unless local ordinance requires otherwise in the completion of the project.

Date above items were completed: 8/18/2020

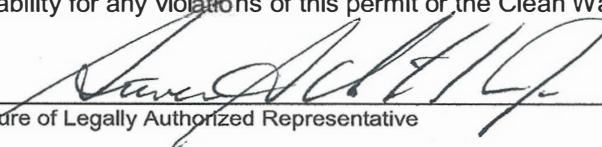
OR

☐ Project was cancelled with no disturbance taking place.

CERTIFICATION

Please read the certification statement carefully before signing.

I certify under penalty of law that all stormwater discharges associated with construction activity from this site that are authorized by this NPDES general permit have been eliminated. By submitting this Notice of Termination, I understand that I am no longer authorized to discharge stormwater associated with construction activity under this general permit, and that discharging pollutants to waters of the United States is unlawful under the Clean Water Act where the discharge is not authorized by a NPDES permit. I also understand that submittal of this Notice of Termination does not release a permittee from liability for any violations of this permit or the Clean Water Act.


Signature of Legally Authorized Representative

December 10, 2020

Date

Steven A. Ostrowski, Jr.

Name of Legally Authorized Representative (type or print)

March 5, 2024

Summit Ridge Wind, LLC
C/O
Aypa Power
11801 Domain Blvd, Suite 450
Austin, TX 78758
Attention: Samuel Littlefield - Executive Vice President, Development

Subject: Updated Request to Retain Improved Access Road

Reference: Summit Ridge Wind, Phase 1 Construction

Mr. Littlefield:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that upon termination of the current Summit Ridge Wind project's Site Certificate, we are requesting that rather than restoring the access road on our property to its previous condition, we wish to retain the access road improvements as they currently exist.

We also acknowledge that with the termination of the existing Site Certificate, Summit Ridge Wind LLC is released from all responsibility for the maintenance of the access road.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KC Kortge". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "K" and a cursive "Cortge".

KC Kortge