DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE
ISSUED BY
DOUGLAS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION & LAND SERVICES

Description of proposal:
- Revisions to the Countywide Comprehensive Plan concurrent with the proposed expansion of the East Wenatchee Urban Growth Boundary including: Updates to Table 2 Urban Growth Areas, Table 3 Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designations, Table 4 Historical Population Profile, and Table 7 Population Projections 2010-2035 in Chapter 3, updates to the comprehensive plan maps and official zoning map.
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Proponent: Douglas County Board of Commissioners

Location of proposal: Douglas County

Lead Agency: Douglas County Transportation and Land 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.

There is no comment period for this DNS

This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on this DNS.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on December 29, 2014.

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Date: October 30, 2014
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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 all parts of your proposal, 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.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:
Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:
For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D). 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:
Douglas County 2014 Annual Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Amendments

2. Name of applicant:
Douglas County Transportation and Land Services: Attn: Stephen Neuenschwander
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:
140 19th Street NW
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

4. Date checklist prepared:
October 30, 2014

5. Agency requesting checklist:
Douglas County

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):
Proposed public hearing before the Douglas County Planning Commission in January or February 2015.
Proposed public meeting with the Board of Commissioners in February or March 2015.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.
The Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code are reviewed annually and amended as necessary to comply with local circumstances and the laws and regulations of the State of Washington.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.
Numerous environmental documents have been published for the initial adoption of the comprehensive plan and development regulations and for subsequent amendments.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.
No.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.
Adoption by ordinance by the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.

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.)
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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.

The proposed amendments are to the Douglas County comprehensive plan and zoning code. Douglas County is located near the geographic center of Washington. The Columbia River binds it on the north, the west and the south. Grant County, formerly a part of Douglas County, is on the east.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

a. General description of the site
(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other _____________

Douglas County is geographically diverse with elevations ranging from 600 feet above sea level near the Columbia River to more than 4,000 feet on Badger Mountain. Basalt rock outcrops and glacial erratics can be found in close proximity to fertile farmland. Irrigated orchard lands are located primarily in the lower elevations while dryland farming dominates the upland areas. Forested areas and areas with steppe shrub vegetation provide diverse wildlife habitat in the county.

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

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.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.
g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

2. Air

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

3. Water

a. Surface Water:
   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)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.
   N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

   2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.
   N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

   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. Indicate the source of fill material.
   N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

   4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.
   N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.
5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge. N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

b. Ground Water:
   1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

   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 such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve. N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

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). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe. N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

   2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

   3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe. N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any: N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

4. Plants
   a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:
Douglas County offers a diverse vegetative environment. The amendments to the comprehensive plan and zoning code are procedural in nature and not limited to a specific area in the county.

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

5. Animals

a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site. Examples include:
   
   birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
   mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
   fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other ________

Douglas County offers a diverse variety of bird and animal species. The amendments to the comprehensive plan and zoning code are procedural in nature and not limited to a specific area in the county.

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.
Douglas County has several listed threatened and endangered species including: American White Pelican, Ferruginous Hawk, Greater Sage-grouse, Sharp-tailed grouse, and Pygmy rabbits. The amendments to the comprehensive plan and zoning code are procedural in nature and not limited to a specific area in the county.

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

6. Energy 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.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

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:
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

7. Environmental health

a. 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? If so, describe.

1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.
   N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

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.
   N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.
   N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.
4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.
   N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:
   N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

b. Noise

   1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?
      N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

   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.
      N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

   3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:
      N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

8. Land and shoreline use

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.
   The amendments are applicable throughout unincorporated Douglas County.

b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe.
   How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?
   N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

   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? If so, how:
      N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

   c. Describe any structures on the site.
      N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?
The amendments to the Douglas County Code are specific to sites designated as mineral resources lands.

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?
The amendments to the Douglas County Code are specific to sites designated as mineral resources lands.

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

L. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

9. Housing

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.
c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

10. **Aesthetics**

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

11. **Light and glare**

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

12. **Recreation**

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.
c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

13. Historic and cultural preservation
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? If so, specifically describe.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

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.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

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.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

14. Transportation
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 plans, if any.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.
d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

15. Public services

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

16. Utilities

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:
   electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other __________
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

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.
N/A – The amendments are to the comprehensive plan and zoning code and not to a specific location in the county.

C. 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: ____________________________

Name of signee ___Stephen Neuenschwander________________________

Position and Agency/Organization __Principal Planner – Douglas County Transportation and Land Services___

Date Submitted: __October 30, 2014_______

D. supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

The proposed amendments will not result in any of the listed items. The amendments are procedural in nature and not specific to a site within Douglas County.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are: N/A

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

The proposed amendments will not likely affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life. The amendments are procedural in nature and not specific to a site within Douglas County.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are: N/A

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

The proposed amendments will not deplete energy or natural resources. The amendments are procedural in nature and not specific to a site within Douglas County.
Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are: N/A

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?
The proposed amendments will not likely affect environmentally sensitive areas. The amendments are procedural in nature and not specific to a site within Douglas County.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are: N/A

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?
The proposed amendments will not likely affect land use or shoreline uses. The amendments are procedural in nature and not specific to a site within Douglas County.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are: N/A

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?
The proposed amendments will not likely increase demands on transportation or public services. The amendments are procedural in nature and not specific to a site within Douglas County.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are: N/A

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.
No known conflict exists.