

**SEPA Rules - WAC 197-11-970
Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)**

**City of Forks Growth Management Act
Comprehensive Plan Update**

Project

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**Description
of proposal:**

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Subject

Areas: The City and the FUGA are located in the SW portion of Clallam County and are generally within Sections 32-33 T 29 N, R 13 W and 8-10, 16-18 T 28 N, R 13 W, W.M., Clallam County, Washington State.

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Prior SEPA

Documents:

None.

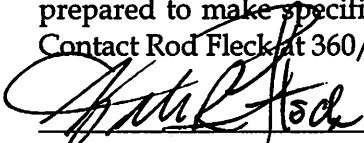
The Lead Agency has determined that the above items do not have a probable significant adverse impact and issuing this concurrent DNS pursuant to WAC 197-11-340(2). An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2). This decision was made after review of a complete environmental checklist referenced above in the **Prior SEPA Documents**, and the City of Forks specific responses to the Clallam County SMP Update Checklist, and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under 197-11-340 (2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for a period of at least 60 days from the date of issuance to allow for agency review and comment, as well as comments from the general public. Comments must be submitted to the City Planner at:

Rod Fleck, City Attorney/Planner
Forks City Hall
500 East Division
Forks, Washington 98331

Comments will be accepted up to noon (12:00 p.m.) on 18 Jul 2019. The City will review said comments together to determine the impact upon the stated MDNS. Submittal of comments is not the same as a written appeal of this determination, or asserting lead agency status. The City may not issue any other determination if the review of the comments does not alter the stated MDNS.

You may appeal this determination no later than noon (12:00 p.m.) on 18 Jul 2019., by filing a written appeal with the City Clerk of Forks at 500 East Division, Forks, Washington 98331. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. The appeal must be received prior to noon (12:00 p.m.) Contact Rod Fleck at 360/374-5412, ext. 245 to read or ask about the procedures for appeals.



William R. Fleck, Attorney/Planner

Date: 18 May 2019

WAC 197-11-960 Environmental checklist.

Purpose of checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

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.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." in addition, complete the supplemental sheet for nonproject actions (part D).

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

A. Background

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: Comprehensive Plan Update
2. Name of applicant: City of Forks

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: Rod Fleck, 500 East Division Street, Forks, Washington 98331; 360/374-5412, ext. 4 (rod@forkswashington.org)
4. Date checklist prepared: 18 May 2019
5. Agency requesting checklist: SEPA required as part of the Comp Plan Updating process associated with the State Department of Commerce.
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): Adoption of the proposed Comp Plan Update in late July or early August 2019.
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. No.
8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. None.
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.

In September 2018, the City provided the Department of Commerce the required 60 day notice of intent to adopt the update. Comments received were incorporated into the current revision.

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

Comments were already received by the various agencies in the last quarter of 2018 and were incorporated into the document associated with this SEPA analysis.

11. Give a 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.

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B. Environmental elements

1. Earth

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

The FUGA consists of the Forks Prairie that is relatively flat with a slight slope towards the west. The southern and eastern edges of the FUGA are associated with the foothills that surround the prairie.

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? Less than 2%.
- 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 prime farmland.

These two designations are the primary designations used within the Soil Survey of Clallam County by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service. The following are quoted from that survey.

56 - Quillayute silt loam, 0 to 8 percent slopes. This very deep, well drained soil is on terraces. It formed in loess and old estuary deposits. The native vegetation is mainly conifers and shrubs. Elevation is 80 to 350 feet...Permeability of this Quillayute soil is moderate... Runoff is medium, and the hazard of water erosion is slight. The unit is used mainly as

woodland. It is also used as hayland, pastureland, and homesites. Also of note is that this soil type is prone to muddying during construction/excavation.

66 – Solduc very gravelly sandy loam. This very deep, somewhat excessively drained soil is on terraces. It formed in glacial outwash that has loess and volcanic ash in the upper part. Slope is 0 to 5 percent. The natural vegetation is mainly conifers and shrubs...Permeability of this Solduc soil is moderate to the substratum and rapid through it...Runoff is medium, and the hazard of water erosion is slight. This unit is used as woodland and homesites.

- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

The slope areas of the hills have been identified as prone to instability. In addition, portions of the river bank associated with the Calawah River are identified with potential instability, however, survey documents over the past century show little, significant movement of those banks.

- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

Not applicable to the plan revision.

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

Erosion issues are addressed in the development process through both critical areas ordinance compliance and also through SEPA checklists for larger developments.

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

In actuality, only a small portion of the FUGA is covered by impervious surfaces.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

No additional measures are envisioned.

2. Air

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

None.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

None.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

The Comp Plan Update actually proposes a policy supporting efforts to reduce GHG emissions to government operations through efficient fleet management.

3. Water

a. Surface:

- 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.

The FUGA is associated with the confluence of the Calawah and Bogachiel Rivers and contains numerous creeks to include Mill, Warner, Peterson, and Elk Creeks. There are a number of wetlands, forested and other, within the FUGA as well.

- 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.

No. The Comp Plan Update does not require work any such work. Further, the Comp Plan will be associated with the City's adoption of the Clallam County Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) expected in the next year.

- 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.

None. Current permitting efforts have been adopted to reduce, if not totally prevent, such activities.

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Not under the proposed Comp Plan Update.

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

Portions of the FUGA have been identified by FEMA as being within the 100-year floodplain and regulations are in place to limit activities within those areas.

- 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.

No.

b. Ground:

- 1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Not by the Comp Plan Update.

- 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.

Sections of the FUGA utilize septic systems as the waste water treatment utility only provides sewer services to the central part of the City.

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.

Ditches are used to convey storm water from the Forks Prairie, on which the City of Forks is located, westward. Peterson Creek flows into an unnamed forest wetland at its western terminus. Warner Creek flows into Mill Creek at its westernmost terminus.

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

The Comp Plan reiterates the long standing City policy that all new development is required to maintain and keep stormwater on site through infiltration means. (See Env. Policies 1-5). The management of stormwater is a significant priority of the City as creating new stormwater infrastructure is extremely expensive in response to the dozen feet of rain received each year.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:

Adoption of the Comp Plan Update with the policies noted above.

4. Plants

- a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site: XX deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other XX evergreen tree: fir, hemlock, cedar, pine, other XX shrubs, XX grass, XX pasture ☐ crop or grain
XX wet soil plants: XX cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
☐ water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other ☐ other types of vegetation

- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

Not applicable to the Comp Plan Update. The Comp Plan Update actually creates policies that encourages the utilization of native plant species and avoiding the use of non-native vegetation. Further, the Comp Plan Update encourages partnerships to coordinate efforts to remove harmful non-native vegetation.

- c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

None.

- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

As noted above, the Comp Plan Update in association with the Environmental Goal (No. 2) encourages through proposed policies the utilization of native plant materials, maintaining native plants, etc.

5. Animals

- a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other: _____
mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other: _____
fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other: _____

- b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

Nearest Bald Eagle sites are approximately one to two miles away from ditches, although eagles are seen flying over the Forks Prairie.

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

Western Washington is part of the Pacific Flyway, a known migration route for birds.

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

None.

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.

Not Applicable.

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

No.

- 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:

A policy encouraging energy conservation within the FUGA is incorporated into the Comp Plan at ENV Policy 5.3.

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.

No.

1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

None.

2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

Not applicable.

- 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.

None

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

None. Existing ordinances and regulations address noise issues arising from activities and/or development.

8. Land and shoreline use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

FUGA is dominated by single family residences with varying densities radiating outward from the core commercial and high density residential portions of the City of Forks. The outer edges of the FUGA consists predominately of large tracts, much still used for the grazing of cattle or growing hay.

- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

Yes, a few of the early homesteads have been largely kept intact and continue to be used for cattle grazing and hay.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

Too many to describe.

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

No.

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

The City of Forks adopted a zoning code in 1997 that included proposed zoning for the non-City portions of the FUGA. The City's zoning code adopted a standard zoning approach with variations of residential and commercial zoning based upon density in relation to utility, primarily wastewater treatment, availability. The zoning code also adopted an overlay system where a combined residential-commercial series of zones were created to address transitioning neighborhoods between residential and commercial uses.

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

The FUGA utilizes residential, commercial and public designations.

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

Numerous designations are being applied to the Calawah and Bogachiel Rivers, as well as to the portions of Mill and Elk Creek subject to the SMP.

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.

The FUGA has areas associated with either the City's or the County's critical areas code designations. These include wetlands, landslide hazard areas, erosion hazard zones, and shorelines.

- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

The predicted population for the City at the end of the planning period is approximately 4,250 people from the current estimated population of 3,560 people. While this reflects an extremely slow growth rate, the City has actually had a similar growth rate for the last three decades.

- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project?

The Comp Plan Update actually identifies the need to ensure the development of all types of housing while maintaining other needed land uses. Essential to this is a core belief that economic opportunities need to be available for the community's citizens.

- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

Not applicable.

- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

Adoption of the Comp Plan.

9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

The Comp Plan Update addresses the need for housing opportunities for all incomes, but notes that there is a need for the City to be involved in ensuring affordable housing needs are discussed and efforts are pursued to increase the number of units available. The need for housing for all income brackets is of concern, and the goals and policies within the housing element are expected to help address these concerns.

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

The Comp Plan Update would not result in the elimination of housing units. Rather, the affordable house section aims to increase housing units within the community by encouraging partnerships within the community to increase housing types across all income levels. Interwoven into the affordable housing element is the recognition that economic stability and opportunity are closely tied with housing stability and the need for additional housing.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

Not Applicable.

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?

The tallest structures would be existing towers, radio or telecom, within the FUGA. The tallest building would be the Forks High School Gym/Commons.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

None.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

None. Aesthetic impacts are assessed on a project by project basis.

11. Light and glare

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

None.

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

Not applicable.

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:

Not Applicable.

12. Recreation

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

Tillicum Park, West End Youth League fields, bowling alley, public library, Bogachiel State Park, Olympic National Park, numerous rivers and streams for fishing and ocean beaches.

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

No.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

None.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.

No.

- b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.

Evidence exists of culturally significant locations along the Calawah River and at the confluence of the Bogachiel and Calawah Rivers. Potential areas of shallow water could be areas associated with fish harvesting and processing. Indigenous peoples utilized the area associated with the Forks Prairie by repeatedly burning away brush and trees to encourage grasses to grow in order to attract game.

Three properties have structures that are associated with American settlement of the Forks Prairie in the later half of the 1800s (King, Peterson, and Mansfield). In addition, there are residential buildings associated with the growth of Forks during the later 1890s through 1920s.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:

None.

14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

The Comp Plan Update addresses goals regarding transportation infrastructure. It is expected that if maximum build out were to occur within the 20 year planning period, that many roads would see significant traffic with the section of Calawah Way between SR 101/Forks Avenue and Maple Street being one that could fail for congestion. Efforts to improve Spartan, Division, and Maple Streets will help to reduce these potential impacts. Further, this element also notes where future potential connecting roadways are needed. The goals and objectives address the need to review additional roadway creation, securing rights of way, etc.

Pedestrian needs have been a proven success of previous Comp Plan renditions as when the first Comp Plan was adopted "new sidewalks" were being installed on SR 101/Forks Avenue. The Comp Plan carries forward the goal of extending sidewalks outward from the central core of the City that has been a goal for the past 20+ years.

- b. Is the site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

Clallam Transit provides in-city transit service. In addition, Quileute Tribal transit also provides a more limited in City service when it makes the connection between La Push and Forks. Continued utilization of these much needed services is noted as a goal within the element.

- c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

Not applicable. However, new development must address off-street parking as part of their development permitting.

- d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

The element projects the need for new roadways or streets that would connect in a grid/loop format areas of the Forks Prairie that currently are not easily connected. Such connections would be created in association with development of the lightly developed sections of the Forks Prairie.

- e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

This element does note the existence of the City's two owned airports at Quillayute and Forks. Both provide general aviation access to the region, however, dedicated air service is highly unlikely in the planning period.

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.

None by the Comp Plan Update. However, if maximum build out were to ever be obtained, many of the major roadways (Forks, Calawah, Bogachiel and Division would see average daily traffic counts over 27,000. As the Forks Prairie is developed, the City's permitting processes will need to ensure adequate improvements for motorized and non-motorized transportation.

- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

Adoption of the Comp Plan Update with its associated goals and policies.

15. Public services

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

Increased development and population would require additional public services. Matching increased populations with services may require a phased development of public facilities as revenues materialize from the associated increase in people.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

Facilities will be looked on an annual basis as part of the Capital Facilities Improvement Plan that has been implemented in anticipation of the adoption of the Comp Plan Update. Such an approach should allow for an annual assessment of the City's needs, but also the needs of other special purpose districts.

16. Utilities

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.
- 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 that might be needed.

None. The Comp Plan Update includes a utilities element and that element incorporates the City's water and waste water comprehensive plans. These two utility based planning documents address water and sewer needs within the FUGA. It is expected that during the planning period, there will need to be expansions of the waste water treatment system, however, the cost to do so would require significant financial investment.

Telecom needs grew significantly during the last two decades and are expected to increase into the future as individuals utilize numerous means of accessing internet services.

With other utility service providers, the Comp Plan Update encourages the City to work in collaboration with other utility service providers to ensure a greater level of service within the FUGA, and in some cases Western Clallam and Jefferson Counties (telecom).

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: 

Date Submitted: 17 May 2019

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D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [\[HELP\]](#)

(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?

While an argument could be made that if the complete build out were to occur within the FUGA, such increases would occur, the City believes that the adoption of, and review of, the Comp Plan and the enacting of the various policies should significantly reduce the potential for such adverse impacts.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

Adoption of the Comp Plan Update, integration and implementation of the proposed goals and policies into the City's review of development permits.

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

Future development of the Forks Prairie into various densities of residential and commercial uses would result in the conversion of lands currently associated with agriculture (cattle grazing, haying). Such conversions which could impact elk herds associated with the Forks Prairie. Development to maximum build out could impact surface water, if not addressed through the development process.

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

Adoption of the Comp Plan Update; utilization of the City's Development and Critical Areas ordinances to limit impacts to surface water by continuing requirements to keep storm water on site, implementation of setbacks and buffers, etc.

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

Development of residential, commercial, and public facilities would have some components that would deplete natural resources in the form of rock, gravel, and metals.

However, utilization of traditional or manufactured wood products ensures the utilization of a renewable resource which is highly regulated under State law.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

Development pursuant to state energy standards, encouraging the utilization of more wood construction should reduce the rate of depletion of non-renewable natural resources. Compliance with new energy codes, and the Comp Plan's policy to encourage the City to reduce its own energy needs, would also help to address this concern.

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 Comp Plan Update encourages, through the use of the City's critical areas code, the protection of wetlands, floodplains, etc. Farmland is a permitted use and the City's provisions allowing for planned use development, or density transferring can help maintain farmlands if the owner so chooses. The plan does not address the need for additional areas for study such as parks, wilderness or wild and scenic rivers. Rivers/Waters of the State associated with the FUGA would be addressed by the City adopting the Clallam County Shoreline Management Plan when finalized by Clallam County.

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

Within the City, continued application of the critical areas ordinance. As noted above, the City is expecting to adopt the Clallam County Shoreline Management Plan when finalized by the County in order to address both consistency in regulations, but also address the practical aspect of only a handful of potential shoreline permits in the past quarter century.

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 existing plans, including the zoning code and proposed UGA zoning code designations, were incorporated into earlier versions of the Comp Plan. This version builds on those and anticipates the continuation of those existing documents. As noted above, the shoreline uses are currently addressed via the Clallam County Shoreline Management Plan, which is in the final stages of revision. The City decided to adopt that code as its own to reduce incompatibilities due to the shared nature of the areas associated with the Calawah and Bogachiel Rivers.

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

Continued application of the City's critical areas code, as well as the adoption and application of the soon to be finalized Clallam County shoreline management plan.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

The adoption of the Comp Plan Update will not increase those demands. However, as development occurs, and if maximum development to full build out were to occur, then these issues would be reduced by the adoption of the Comp Plan and implementation of the proposed policies.

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

Adoption of the Comp Plan Update

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

WAC 197-11-960 Environmental checklist.

Purpose of checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

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.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." in addition, complete the supplemental sheet for nonproject actions (part D).

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

A. Background

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: Comprehensive Plan Update
2. Name of applicant: City of Forks

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: Rod Fleck, 500 East Division Street, Forks, Washington 98331; 360/374-5412, ext. 4 (rodf@forkswashington.org)
4. Date checklist prepared: 18 May 2019
5. Agency requesting checklist: SEPA required as part of the Comp Plan Updating process associated with the State Department of Commerce.
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): Adoption of the proposed Comp Plan Update in late July or early August 2019.
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. No.
8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. None.
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.

In September 2018, the City provided the Department of Commerce the required 60 day notice of intent to adopt the update. Comments received were incorporated into the current revision.

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

Comments were already received by the various agencies in the last quarter of 2018 and were incorporated into the document associated with this SEPA analysis.

11. Give a 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.)

The City intends to adopt in late May/early June 2019 the mandatory Growth Management Act (GMA) Comprehensive Plan update (Comp Plan Update). The Comp Plan Update covers a 20 year period from 2018 until 2038. The scale of the analysis covers the City of Forks and the associated GMA urban growth area known as the Forks Urban Growth Area (FUGA). The FUGA contains over 4,150 acres with the City's incorporated area being approximately 53% of the FUGA.

This revision takes a more practical approach with a planning document that focuses more on the goals and policies for multi-decadal planning, administration and governance of the City of Forks' activities related to GMA required elements. These elements include:

1. Land Use;
2. Housing;
3. Transportation;
4. Capital Facilities; and,
5. Utilities.

In addition to these mandatory elements, the proposed revision includes a natural environment and an open space and recreation elements. Previous versions of the Comp Plan Update provided significant background data, however, that information is readily available via the Internet and the revision incorporates key data for each element only. As a result, the revision is substantially more compact and readable. The focus in each element is on the associated goals and policies for that element. Some of these were continued from earlier versions, while others were introduced to address changing issues or statutory requirements.

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 City and the FUGA are located in the SW portion of Clallam County and are generally within Sections 32-33 T 29 N, R 13 W and 8-10, 16-18 T 28 N, R 13 W, W.M., Clallam County, Washington State.

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agency use
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B. Environmental elements

1. Earth

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

The FUGA consists of the Forks Prairie that is relatively flat with a slight slope towards the west. The southern and eastern edges of the FUGA are associated with the foothills that surround the prairie.

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? Less than 2%.
- 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 prime farmland.

These two designations are the primary designations used within the Soil Survey of Clallam County by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service. The following are quoted from that survey.

56 – Quillayute silt loam, 0 to 8 percent slopes. This very deep, well drained soil is on terraces. It formed in loess and old estuary deposits. The native vegetation is mainly conifers and shrubs. Elevation is 80 to 350 feet...Permeability of this Quillayute soil is moderate... Runoff is medium, and the hazard of water erosion is slight. The unit is used mainly as

woodland. It is also used as hayland, pastureland, and homesites. Also of note is that this soil type is prone to muddying during construction/excavation.

66 – Solduc very gravelly sandy loam. This very deep, somewhat excessively drained soil is on terraces. It formed in glacial outwash that has loess and volcanic ash in the upper part. Slope is 0 to 5 percent. The natural vegetation is mainly conifers and shrubs...Permeability of this Solduc soil is moderate to the substratum and rapid through it...Runoff is medium, and the hazard of water erosion is slight. This unit is used as woodland and homesites.

- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

The slope areas of the hills have been identified as prone to instability. In addition, portions of the river bank associated with the Calawah River are identified with potential instability, however, survey documents over the past century show little, significant movement of those banks.

- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

Not applicable to the plan revision.

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

Erosion issues are addressed in the development process through both critical areas ordinance compliance and also through SEPA checklists for larger developments.

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

In actuality, only a small portion of the FUGA is covered by impervious surfaces.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

No additional measures are envisioned.

2. Air

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

None.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

None.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

The Comp Plan Update actually proposes a policy supporting efforts to reduce GHG emissions to government operations through efficient fleet management.

3. Water

- a. Surface:

- 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.

The FUGA is associated with the confluence of the Calawah and Bogachiel Rivers and contains numerous creeks to include Mill, Warner, Peterson, and Elk Creeks. There are a number of wetlands, forested and other, within the FUGA as well.

- 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.

No. The Comp Plan Update does not require work any such work. Further, the Comp Plan will be associated with the City's adoption of the Clallam County Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) expected in the next year.

- 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.

None. Current permitting efforts have been adopted to reduce, if not totally prevent, such activities.

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Not under the proposed Comp Plan Update.

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

Portions of the FUGA have been identified by FEMA as being within the 100-year floodplain and regulations are in place to limit activities within those areas.

- 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.

No.

b. Ground:

- 1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Not by the Comp Plan Update.

- 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.

Sections of the FUGA utilize septic systems as the waste water treatment utility only provides sewer services to the central part of the City.

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.

Ditches are used to convey storm water from the Forks Prairie, on which the City of Forks is located, westward. Peterson Creek flows into an unnamed forest wetland at its western terminus. Warner Creek flows into Mill Creek at its westernmost terminus.

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

The Comp Plan reiterates the long standing City policy that all new development is required to maintain and keep stormwater on site through infiltration means. (See Env. Policies 1-5). The management of stormwater is a significant priority of the City as creating new stormwater infrastructure is extremely expensive in response to the dozen feet of rain received each year.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:

Adoption of the Comp Plan Update with the policies noted above.

4. Plants

- a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site: XX deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other XX evergreen tree: fir, hemlock, cedar, pine, other XX shrubs, XX grass, XX pasture ☐ crop or grain
XX wet soil plants: XX cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other ☐ water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other ☐ other types of vegetation

- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

Not applicable to the Comp Plan Update. The Comp Plan Update actually creates policies that encourages the utilization of native plant species and avoiding the use of non-native vegetation. Further, the Comp Plan Update encourages partnerships to coordinate efforts to remove harmful non-native vegetation.

- c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

None.

- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

As noted above, the Comp Plan Update in association with the Environmental Goal (No. 2) encourages through proposed policies the utilization of native plant materials, maintaining native plants, etc.

5. Animals

- a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other: _____

mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other: _____

fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other: _____

- b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

Nearest Bald Eagle sites are approximately one to two miles away from ditches, although eagles are seen flying over the Forks Prairie.

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

Western Washington is part of the Pacific Flyway, a known migration route for birds.

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

None.

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.

Not Applicable.

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

No.

- 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:

A policy encouraging energy conservation within the FUGA is incorporated into the Comp Plan at ENV Policy 5.3.

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.

No.

1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

None.

2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

Not applicable.

- 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.

None

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

None. Existing ordinances and regulations address noise issues arising from activities and/or development.

8. Land and shoreline use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

FUGA is dominated by single family residences with varying densities radiating outward from the core commercial and high density residential portions of the City of Forks. The outer edges of the FUGA consists predominately of large tracts, much still used for the grazing of cattle or growing hay.

- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

Yes, a few of the early homesteads have been largely kept intact and continue to be used for cattle grazing and hay.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

Too many to describe.

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

No.

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

The City of Forks adopted a zoning code in 1997 that included proposed zoning for the non-City portions of the FUGA. The City's zoning code adopted a standard zoning approach with variations of residential and commercial zoning based upon density in relation to utility, primarily wastewater treatment, availability. The zoning code also adopted an overlay system where a combined residential-commercial series of zones were created to address transitioning neighborhoods between residential and commercial uses.

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

The FUGA utilizes residential, commercial and public designations.

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

Numerous designations are being applied to the Calawah and Bogachiel Rivers, as well as to the portions of Mill and Elk Creek subject to the SMP.

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.

The FUGA has areas associated with either the City's or the County's critical areas code designations. These include wetlands, landslide hazard areas, erosion hazard zones, and shorelines.

- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

The predicted population for the City at the end of the planning period is approximately 4,250 people from the current estimated population of 3,560 people. While this reflects an extremely slow growth rate, the City has actually had a similar growth rate for the last three decades.

- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project?

The Comp Plan Update actually identifies the need to ensure the development of all types of housing while maintaining other needed land uses. Essential to this is a core belief that economic opportunities need to be available for the community's citizens.

- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

Not applicable.

- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

Adoption of the Comp Plan.

9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

The Comp Plan Update addresses the need for housing opportunities for all incomes, but notes that there is a need for the City to be involved in ensuring affordable housing needs are discussed and efforts are pursued to increase the number of units available. The need for housing for all income brackets is of concern, and the goals and policies within the housing element are expected to help address these concerns.

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

The Comp Plan Update would not result in the elimination of housing units. Rather, the affordable house section aims to increase housing units within the community by encouraging partnerships within the community to increase housing types across all income levels. Interwoven into the affordable housing element is the recognition that economic stability and opportunity are closely tied with housing stability and the need for additional housing.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

Not Applicable.

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?

The tallest structures would be existing towers, radio or telecom, within the FUGA. The tallest building would be the Forks High School Gym/Commons.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

None.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

None. Aesthetic impacts are assessed on a project by project basis.

11. Light and glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

None.

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

Not applicable.

- 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:

Not Applicable.

12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

Tillicum Park, West End Youth League fields, bowling alley, public library, Bogachiel State Park, Olympic National Park, numerous rivers and streams for fishing and ocean beaches.

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

No.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

None.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

- a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.

No.

- b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.

Evidence exists of culturally significant locations along the Calawah River and at the confluence of the Bogachiel and Calawah Rivers. Potential areas of shallow water could be areas associated with fish harvesting and processing. Indigenous peoples utilized the area associated with the Forks Prairie by repeatedly burning away brush and trees to encourage grasses to grow in order to attract game.

Three properties have structures that are associated with American settlement of the Forks Prairie in the later half of the 1800s (King, Peterson, and Mansfield). In addition, there are residential buildings associated with the growth of Forks during the later 1890s through 1920s.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:

None.

14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

The Comp Plan Update addresses goals regarding transportation infrastructure. It is expected that if maximum build out were to occur within the 20 year planning period, that many roads would see significant traffic with the section of Calawah Way between SR 101/Forks Avenue and Maple Street being one that could fail for congestion. Efforts to improve Spartan, Division, and Maple Streets will help to reduce these potential impacts. Further, this element also notes where future potential connecting roadways are needed. The goals and objectives address the need to review additional roadway creation, securing rights of way, etc.

Pedestrian needs have been a proven success of previous Comp Plan renditions as when the first Comp Plan was adopted “new sidewalks” were being installed on SR 101/Forks Avenue. The Comp Plan carries forward the goal of extending sidewalks outward from the central core of the City that has been a goal for the past 20+ years.

- b. Is the site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

Clallam Transit provides in-city transit service. In addition, Quileute Tribal transit also provides a more limited in City service when it makes the connection between La Push and Forks. Continued utilization of these much needed services is noted as a goal within the element.

- c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

Not applicable. However, new development must address off-street parking as part of their development permitting.

- d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

The element projects the need for new roadways or streets that would connect in a grid/loop format areas of the Forks Prairie that currently are not easily connected. Such connections would be created in association with development of the lightly developed sections of the Forks Prairie.

- e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

This element does note the existence of the City's two owned airports at Quillayute and Forks. Both provide general aviation access to the region, however, dedicated air service is highly unlikely in the planning period.

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.

None by the Comp Plan Update. However, if maximum build out were to ever be obtained, many of the major roadways (Forks, Calawah, Bogachiel and Division would see average daily traffic counts over 27,000. As the Forks Prairie is developed, the City's permitting processes will need to ensure adequate improvements for motorized and non-motorized transportation.

- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

Adoption of the Comp Plan Update with its associated goals and policies.

15. Public services

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

Increased development and population would require additional public services. Matching increased populations with services may require a phased development of public facilities as revenues materialize from the associated increase in people.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

Facilities will be looked on an annual basis as part of the Capital Facilities Improvement Plan that has been implemented in anticipation of the adoption of the Comp Plan Update. Such an approach should allow for an annual assessment of the City's needs, but also the needs of other special purpose districts.

16. Utilities

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.
- 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 that might be needed.

None. The Comp Plan Update includes a utilities element and that element incorporates the City's water and waste water comprehensive plans. These two utility based planning documents address water and sewer needs within the FUGA. It is expected that during the planning period, there will need to be expansions of the waste water treatment system, however, the cost to do so would require significant financial investment.

Telecom needs grew significantly during the last two decades and are expected to increase into the future as individuals utilize numerous means of accessing internet services.

With other utility service providers, the Comp Plan Update encourages the City to work in collaboration with other utility service providers to ensure a greater level of service within the FUGA, and in some cases Western Clallam and Jefferson Counties (telecom).

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:

Date Submitted:

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [\[HELP\]](#)

(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?

While an argument could be made that if the complete build out were to occur within the FUGA, such increases would occur, the City believes that the adoption of, and review of, the Comp Plan and the enacting of the various policies should significantly reduce the potential for such adverse impacts.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

Adoption of the Comp Plan Update, integration and implementation of the proposed goals and policies into the City's review of development permits.

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

Future development of the Forks Prairie into various densities of residential and commercial uses would result in the conversion of lands currently associated with agriculture (cattle grazing, haying). Such conversions which could impact elk herds associated with the Forks Prairie. Development to maximum build out could impact surface water, if not addressed through the development process.

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

Adoption of the Comp Plan Update; utilization of the City's Development and Critical Areas ordinances to limit impacts to surface water by continuing requirements to keep storm water on site, implementation of setbacks and buffers, etc.

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

Development of residential, commercial, and public facilities would have some components that would deplete natural resources in the form of rock, gravel, and metals.

However, utilization of traditional or manufactured wood products ensures the utilization of a renewable resource which is highly regulated under State law.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

Development pursuant to state energy standards, encouraging the utilization of more wood construction should reduce the rate of depletion of non-renewable natural resources. Compliance with new energy codes, and the Comp Plan's policy to encourage the City to reduce its own energy needs, would also help to address this concern.

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 Comp Plan Update encourages, through the use of the City's critical areas code, the protection of wetlands, floodplains, etc. Farmland is a permitted use and the City's provisions allowing for planned use development, or density transferring can help maintain farmlands if the owner so chooses. The plan does not address the need for additional areas for study such as parks, wilderness or wild and scenic rivers. Rivers/Waters of the State associated with the FUGA would be addressed by the City adopting the Clallam County Shoreline Management Plan when finalized by Clallam County.

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

Within the City, continued application of the critical areas ordinance. As noted above, the City is expecting to adopt the Clallam County Shoreline Management Plan when finalized by the County in order to address both consistency in regulations, but also address the practical aspect of only a handful of potential shoreline permits in the past quarter century.

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 existing plans, including the zoning code and proposed UGA zoning code designations, were incorporated into earlier versions of the Comp Plan. This version builds on those and anticipates the continuation of those existing documents. As noted above, the shoreline uses are currently addressed via the Clallam County Shoreline Management Plan, which is in the final stages of revision. The City decided to adopt that code as its own to reduce incompatibilities due to the shared nature of the areas associated with the Calawah and Bogachiel Rivers.

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

Continued application of the City's critical areas code, as well as the adoption and application of the soon to be finalized Clallam County shoreline management plan.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

The adoption of the Comp Plan Update will not increase those demands. However, as development occurs, and if maximum development to full build out were to occur, then these issues would be reduced by the adoption of the Comp Plan and implementation of the proposed policies.

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

Adoption of the Comp Plan Update

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.