

SEPA Rules - WAC 197-11-970
Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)
31 Sitka Circle - Vacation/Short Term Rental
Forks, WA 98331

Applicant: Olympic Coast Rentals, LLC
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**Legal
Description**

Lot 18 of the Raven Crest 1st Division as recorded in Vol 8, Pg. 24 of Plats being in the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 4, T 28 N, R 13 W, Clallam County, WA
Tax Id. No. 1328045101700000

Project

Description: Olympic Coast Rentals, LLC is seeking a special use permit pursuant to the City's zoning code for the utilization of the single-family residence of approximately 2,016 sq. ft. (3-bedroom, 2-bath) as a short-term vacation rental when they are not occupying it. The property is zoned "Moderate Density Residential (R-3)." Vacation renters would utilize existing utilities associated with the home, as well as the existing parking facilities. The residence utilizes an on-site septic system. Storm water drainage is already addressed with the existing facilities. The proponents are making no structural changes to the building.

Lead Agency Rod Fleck, City Attorney/Planner
City of Forks
500 East Division
Forks, Washington 98331

Proposed

Project: Conversion of a single-family residence into a vacation rental requires a special use permit which triggered the need for the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review.

Prior SEPA

Documents: None associated with this proposal

The Lead Agency has determined that the above items do not have a probable significant adverse impact based upon the proposed mitigation required above. 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 and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

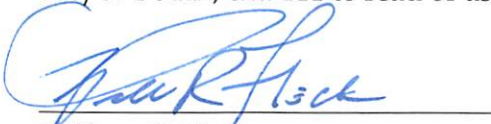
This DNS is issued under 197-11-340 (2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for a period of 14 days from the date of issuance to allow for agency review and comment, as well as comments from the general public. Comments must be submitted to the City Planner at:

Rod Fleck, City Attorney/Planner

Forks City Hall
500 East Division
Forks, Washington 98331

Comments will be accepted up to 1 p.m., 3 July 2026. 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 1 p.m., 3 July 2026, 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 1 p.m., 3 July 2026 Contact Rod Fleck at 360/374-5412, ext. 111 to read or ask about the procedures for appeals.



William R. Fleck
Attorney/Planner

Date: 18 June 2026

Olympic Coast Rentals LLC
Ravae O'Leary
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June 12, 2026

City of Forks Planning/Zoning
Attn: Rod Fleck
500 E Division St
Forks, WA 98331

Subject: Request to Initiate Special Use Permit Process for Short/Mid-Term Rental

Dear Mr. Fleck,

I am writing to formally request the initiation of the application process for a **Special Use Permit**. My goal is to utilize my primary residence as a short-term (vacation) and mid-term (seasonal month-to-month) rental during periods when it is not being occupied by my family.

We intend to begin operations no earlier than **August 1, 2026**.

Property Specifications

To assist with the initial review of this request, here are the details of the property:

- **Property Address:** 31 Sitka Circle
- **Zoning District:** Moderate Density Residential (R-3)
- **Parcel Size:** 0.32 acres
- **Year Built:** 1977
- **Property Size & Type:** 2,016 sq. ft. split-level single-family residence, including the main living space and an attached garage.

The proposed use will not require any changes to the structure associated with this proposed change in use.

Next Steps & Enclosures

To move the process forward, I have included the necessary initial components below:

- **SEPA Checklist:** The completed State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist is attached to this letter.
- **Application Fee:** A check for **\$350** is being sent separately to the City of Forks to cover the initial set of fees.

Please let me know if you require any additional forms, documentation, or information to formally begin reviewing this application. Thank you for your time, guidance, and assistance with this process. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ravae O'Leary', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ravae O'Leary, Owner
Olympic Coast Rentals LLC

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization, or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. **You may use “not applicable” or “does not apply” only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown.** You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to **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 [Find help answering background questions](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

31 Sitka Circle - Short Term Rental

2. Name of applicant:

Olympic Coast Rentals, LLC

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

Ravae O'Leary

PO Box 1515, Forks, WA 98331

360-485-3334

4. Date checklist prepared:

June 12, 2026

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Forks

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

Seasonal short term rental beginning no sooner than August 1, 2026

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 known.

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.

None

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.)

We would like to utilize our primary residence as a short/mid-term rental when not being used by us. The 2016 sq ft split level single-family home is located at 31 Sitka Circle and was built in 1977 and consists of the residence and the attached garage located on .32 acres and zoned "Moderate Density Residential (R-3)." Owners, vacation renters, as well as any month-to-month seasonal renters, would utilize existing utilities associated with the home (city water, PUD, and septic system), as well as the existing parking facilities.

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.

Project is at 31 Sitka Circle, Forks, WA 98331.

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B. Environmental Elements

1. Earth [Find help answering earth questions](#)

a. General description of the site:

2016 sq ft split level single-family home on .32 acres.

Circle or highlight one: Flat, **rolling**, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other:

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

The site features a gradual slope from the front to the back of the property, with an approximate maximum slope of 10% to 20%. This gentle grade naturally accommodates a daylight basement with an exterior exit, and there are no steep hills or hazardous drop-offs on the site

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.

Dirt, gravel, rocks

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

Not that we are aware

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.

Not applicable

f. Could erosion occur because of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

No

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

No new construction

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

None

2. Air [Find help answering air questions](#)

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.

None

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

Not applicable

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

None

3. Water [Find help answering water questions](#)

a. Surface Water: [Find help answering surface water questions](#)

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.

No

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

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.

Not applicable

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

No

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

No

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.

Not Applicable

b. Ground Water: [Find help answering ground water questions](#)

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 a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

No

2. **Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (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.**

Domestic Sewage. Two tank size 1000 gallon two compartment tank with 130' drainfield 2' depth 2' lines. Serving one house.

c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):

- a) **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.**

No change in current house's setup.

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

No

- c) **Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.**

No

- d) **Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any.**

None

4. Plants [Find help answering plants questions](#)

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

shrubs

grass

pasture

crop or grain

orchards, vineyards, or other permanent crops.

wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other

water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other

other types of vegetation

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

None

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

None we are aware of

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

Maintain existing

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

None we are aware of

5. Animals [Find help answering animal questions](#)

a. List any birds and other animals that have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site. Deer and songbirds observed (greater area has plentiful animals).

Examples include:

- Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
- Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

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

None we are aware of

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

Not that we are aware

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

None

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site. None we are aware of

6. Energy and Natural Resources [Find help answering energy and natural resource questions](#)

1. **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.**

Electric and wood stove

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

No

3. **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.**

None

7. Environmental Health [Find help with answering environmental health questions](#)

- a. **Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur because of this proposal? If so, describe.**

No

1. **Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.**

None

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.**

None

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.**

None

4. **Describe special emergency services that might be required.**

None

5. **Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.**

None

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)?**

Nothing outside of normal residential usage.

3. **Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any.**

Noise complaints will be addressed immediately and may result in removal from property.

8. Land and Shoreline Use [Find help answering land and shoreline use questions](#)

- 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.**

Site is currently Residential House. Adjacent properties are a mix of residential houses and short term rentals.

- 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 because 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?**

No

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?**

- c. **Describe any structures on the site.**

House with attached garage, woodshed and greenhouse.

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

The greenhouse may be dismantled and removed.

- e. **What is the current zoning classification of the site?** Moderate density residential

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

Already existing home

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

Not applicable

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

No

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

Up to 12

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

None

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.

None

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any.

None

9. Housing [Find help answering housing questions](#)

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

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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

None

10. Aesthetics [Find help answering aesthetics questions](#)

- a. **What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?**

Already built

- 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

11. Light and Glare [Find help answering light and glare questions](#)

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

Exterior home lights.

- 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?**

Not applicable

- d. **Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any.**

Not applicable

12. Recreation [Find help answering recreation questions](#)

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

Many options in the surrounding area.

- 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.**

Not applicable.

13. Historic and Cultural Preservation [Find help answering historic and cultural preservation questions](#)

- 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? If so, specifically describe.

No

- 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.

None that we are aware of.

- 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.

None

- 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.

None

14. Transportation [Find help with answering transportation questions](#)

- 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.

Sitka Street. Access already established.

- 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?

Yes, local bus service and broader transit line pickup is .5 miles away.

- c. 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).

No

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

No

- e. 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? Nothing beyond traditional residential usage.

f. 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.

No

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

None

15. Public Services [Find help answering public service questions](#)

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.

No increase in need as already established home.

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

None

16. Utilities [Find help answering utilities questions](#)

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 which might be needed.

Already established.

C. Signature [Find help about who should sign](#)

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.

X

Type name of signee: Click or tap here to enter text.

Position and agency/organization: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date submitted: Click or tap to enter a date.

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [Find help for the nonproject actions worksheet](#)

IT IS NOT REQUIRED to use this section 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?

Not likely

- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:**

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

Not likely

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

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

Not likely

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

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?

Not likely

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

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?

Not likely

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

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

Not likely

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

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

No