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Snohomish County Planning and Development
Attn: Bob Pemberton / File #05-123050-SD
3000 Rockefeller Ave
Everett, WA 98201

Re: Horseman's Trail, File Number 05-123050-SD

Mr. Pemberton:

The WindandTide Community Association, which is a party of record in the above matter, was encouraged to hear about the County's decision to issue a Determination of Significance (DS) in accordance with the State Environmental Policy Act. However, the DS addresses only one issue: grading of the steeply sloped area in the planned development. Although this is a very significant issue, it does not include the added traffic generated by this high-density development (116 lots on 21.4 acres) nor does it address the impacts on public services and utilities. In addition, it does not deal with the impacts from the clear-cutting of 19 acres of the 21.4-acre development on the adjoining residential areas, protected areas and Picnic Point Creek.

We again appeal to your sense of responsibility and request that you require a complete Environmental Impact Statement from the developer so that all the issues stated above will be examined and resolved according to the State Environmental Policy Act.

Respectfully,

Martin Hatscher
President, WindandTide Community Association