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Michelle Geiger
Planner, City of Roslyn
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SUBJECT: WDFW Comments on Roslyn No. 4 Mine – Cleanup Action

Dear Ms. Geiger,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the City of Roslyn's preliminary SEPA action for the Roslyn No. 4 Mine Cleanup Action Project, a proposal for environmental clean-up at the former Roslyn No. 4 Mine Site. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is familiar with the project area and we appreciate that Haley & Aldrich, Inc. contacted WDFW in July 2026 to discuss the project. Our comments are regarding the project's potential impact on Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas, specifically stream and riparian habitat.

There are three streams in the project area: Crystal Creek and two tributaries to Crystal Creek. It's our understanding that the proposed excavation areas are located away from these streams and will not impact the streams. However, we request clarification on whether project-related activities, such as access and haul routes, staging, or stockpiling, will occur within the streams or the Riparian Management Zones. If there is potential for project-related work to impact the streams on site, a WDFW Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) may be required. If project activities will impact the Riparian Management Zone, we recommend the mitigation sequencing of avoidance, minimization and ultimately mitigation to ensure no net loss of the RMZ.

We appreciate that project planning evaluated the potential for impacts to critical areas during project implementation and will establish erosion and sediment controls and best management practices (BMPs) to aid in protecting critical areas during construction. We request that care be taken to minimize the risk of runoff or contamination to the streams on site.

As future development is proposed on this property, WDFW recommends early coordination to ensure Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas are protected.

We look forward to working collaboratively with the City and the applicant as this project and future projects move forward. Please contact me at (509) 406-3206 or cassandra.weekes@dfw.wa.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cassandra Weekes". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Cassandra Weekes
Area Habitat Biologist