

# 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.

## ***A. Background***

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:  
**White Salmon Bike Park, update to skills area.**

2. Name of applicant: **The City of White Salmon**

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

**Attention: Pay Munyan, City Administrator, P.O. Box 2139, White Salmon, WA  
98672 509-493-1133, Fax 509-493-1231**

4. Date checklist prepared: **December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

5. Agency requesting checklist: **The City of White Salmon**

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): **Spring 2020 (1-2 month build time)**

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

**Minor modifications may be made from time to time, and will utilize attached "Trail Standards". City Council may review the proposed improvements annually or as deemed appropriate by City Council.**

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.

**A JARPA permit was submitted to Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife in 2013.**

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.  
**None.**

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

**Modifications and updates are being made at the White Salmon Bike Park on the East side of White Salmon. The modifications are the addition of approximately 900-1100 yards of clean soil from the local area to update the skills area at the East end of the bike park.**

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 Property is located North of NE Tohomish Street across from the ball park. The property is bordered by Jewett Creek to the North and Washington Street ends at the North end of the property. The White Salmon Gun Club is adjacent to the property to the East.**

## ***B. Environmental Elements***

### **1. Earth**

a. General description of the site:

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other \_\_\_\_\_

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? **10% in area a small area to be updated but up to 50% in other areas of the Bike Park that will not be impacted.**

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.

**The site being updated is mostly a sandy, gravelly loam, overlaying cleaner gravels. There are areas where clay underlays the gravels, and where larger rocks are exposed.**

- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. **The area being updated is mostly level and stable.**
- 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.

**Approximatley 900-1100 yards of clean, rock and debris free local packable soil will be used to added to create 3-4 "jump lines" for building biking skills.**

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

**Issues relating to erosion will be minimal as all updates will follow International Mountainbiking Association Trail construction standards. Excavation will be minor as we are adding clean soil to the already existing park jump lines as opposed to excavation the site.**

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

**No impermeable construction is being considered.**

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

**Silt fencing along the North edge of the update project will be used to protect in case of any unexpected surface runoff during the construction.**

## **2. Air**

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

**Construction of and use of the skills area are mostly human powered with the exception of the use of a small excavator to distribute the new, clean, rock and debris free soil over the approximate 1.5 acre skills area.**

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. **NO**

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: **None**

## **3. Water**

- a. Surface Water:

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

**Yes, Jewett Creek borders the site on the NE. Jewett Creek flows year round into the Columbia River.**

- 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.

**None.**

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

**No surface water withdrawals or diversions are part of this project.**

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

**There are areas of the White Salmon Bike Park that are within the floodplain but the area that is being updated is not within the floodplain.**

- 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 Water:

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

**No groundwater will be withdrawn for this 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.

**None.**

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.

**Any additional storm water runoff from the project should be minimal and will be controlled with silt fencing in accordance with WSDOT Standards.**

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

**Some natural silt could enter Jewett Creek during rainy periods or snow melt events.**

- 2) 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:

**The site will be closely monitored and mitigated as needed continuously during the life of these updates. Installation, maintenance and monitoring of silt fences, catchments, etc will be performed by the Bike Club with an annual report to the city council or as they require.**

#### **4. Plants**

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.**

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

**None Known.**

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

**Area will remain naturally vegetated.**

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

**None Known.**

## **5. Animals**

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

Examples include:

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

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

fish: bass, **salmon**, **trout**, herring, shellfish, other \_\_\_\_\_

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

**None Known.**

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

**The White Salmon Comprehensive plan listed Jewett Creek as Salmon and trout habitat.**

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

**Area will remain undisturbed except for the updated skills area within this 9 acrea park.**

- f. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

**None known.**

## 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.

**Project has no energy requirements.**

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

**No.**

- b. 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:

**This project encourages the use of human powered transportation (bike) and thus will help reduce fossil fuel usage.**

## 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 any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

**No.**

- 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 needed.**

## b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? **None.**
- 3) 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.**

**Parking areas for riders or walkers is available at several adjacent locations. The City Council will monitor the parking needs periodically and may require changes.**

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: **Not needed.**

## **8. Land and Shoreline Use**

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.  
**Current site is a bike skills park consisting of a skills area as well as a trail system for riding and hiking. Proposal for updating the skills area will have no affect on nearby or adjacent properties.**

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use? **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: **No.**

- c. Describe any structures on the site.  
**No structures on the site.**

- c. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?  
**No.**

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?  
**The site is designated R-1.**

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?  
**The site is designated R-1.**



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

**There is not currently a shoreline master program designation for the site but the City Planner is reviewing this.**

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?

**None.**

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

**Not applicable.**

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:

**Not applicable.**

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any: **Not applicable.**

## **9. Housing**

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. **None**

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. **None.**

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? **Not applicable.**
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? **None.**
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: **None.**

### **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?  
**No.**
- 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?  
**Hiking, Biking, Shooting Range, Baseball park.**
- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.  
**No, this update to the existing project will enhance the biking experience.**
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: **This is an update to an bike park which will help to increase the use for biking.**

### **13. Historic and cultural preservation**

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers ? 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.**
- 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.  
**Site has historically been a dumping site for the City of White Salmon.**
- 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.

**Not applicable.**

#### **14. Transportation**

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

**White Salmon can be accessed on Highway 141 off of Washington State Highway 14. Entering White Salmon from the south, turn north on NE Wauna Street and east on NE Tohomish street. The bike park is on the North side of Tohomish about three blocks down.**

- 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?  
**This site is not served by public transit.**

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?  
**No new additional parking is required.**

- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). **No.**
- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. **No.**

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates? **Most users will access the updated park features at the site by bike. Depending on time of year, several dozen daily trips could occur.**
- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe. **No.**
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: **Not applicable.**

### 15. Public Services

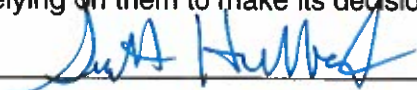
- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.  
**No increase in public services.**
- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. **None.**

### 16. Utilities

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:  
electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other **None. No services at the site.**
- i. 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. **None.**

### C. Signature

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_

Name of signee Scott Hulbert \_\_\_\_\_

### **D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions**

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

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

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

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

**There will be no increases as listed above.**

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

**Plant and animal life may be impacted by increased human traffic and presence in the area.**

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

**Park users would be encouraged to stay on existing trails and only use park during daylight hours.**

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

**Park users would be encouraged to stay on existing trails and only use park during daylight hours.**

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

**It will not deplete energy or natural resources.**

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

**It will not deplete energy or natural resources.**

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?

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

**Impact on environmentally sensitive areas would be limited to bike and foot traffic on trails.**

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?

**There should be no changes or impacts to land and shoreline use from this proposal.**

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

**There should be no changes or impacts to land and shoreline use from this proposal.**

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities? **None.**

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. **There should be none.**