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STAFF REPORT: C.U.P. 25-018 Idaho Power Cascade Switching Station
HEARING DATE: September 11, 2025
TO: Planning and Zoning Commission
STAFF: Cynda Herrick, AICP, CFM
Planning and Zoning Director
APPLICANT: Idaho Power Company, ATTN Jeff Maffuccio
PO Box 70, Boise, ID 83707
PROPERTY OWNER: Davis Cattle Company Inc
19 Warm Lake Highway, Cascade ID 83611
LOCATION: South of Warm Lake Road – A 5.5-acre portion of parcel
RP14N03E250005 located in the NENE Section 25, T.14N, R.3E,
Boise Meridian, Valley County, Idaho
SIZE: Approximately 5.5-acres of a 112.34-acre parcel
REQUEST: Electric Switching Station
EXISTING LAND USE: Agricultural (Irrigated Pasture and Meadow)

Idaho Power Company is requesting a conditional use permit for an electrical switching station. The proposal includes:

- a transformer,
- breakers,
- a 65-ft x 27-ft concrete masonry control building,
- microwave tower, and
- a 7-ft tall perimeter chain-link fence

The switching station would be located over 2,500 feet from Highway 55 and enclosed with a chain-link fence approximately 20 feet south of Warm Lake Road.

The Cascade Switching Station would connect the upgraded transmission line from Lake Fork and provide 138kV transmission service to the Stibnite mine site. The switching station would connect with the Cascade Generation Facility while providing additional capacity and stability to the overall electrical system.

Any operational noises would not exceed 65dB per the Code of Federal Registry Section 24. The design includes open gravel areas for safety and to minimize spread of fire and heat.

The landscaping plan includes Canada Red Chokecherry, Arrowleaf Balsamroot, and Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry along the switching station's frontage.

There is an irrigation ditch and drainage easement within the larger parcel. Staff is unclear of the status of the Drainage Easement recorded as instrument # 201673.

Access would be from two 30-ft wide gates along the south side of Warm Lake Road.

FINDINGS:

1. The application was submitted on July 24, 2025.
2. Legal notice was posted in the *Star News* on August 21, 2025, and July 31, 24, 2025. Potentially affected agencies were notified on August 12, 2025. Neighbors within 300 feet of the property line were notified by fact sheet sent August 13, 2025. The site was posted on August 21, 2025. The notice and application were posted online at www.co.valley.id.us on August 12, 2025.
3. Agency comment received:

Emily Hart, McCall Airport Manager, had no comments. (August 21, 2025)

Steve Hull, Cascade Fire Chief, stated the application addresses ground fuel mitigation and adequate access to comply with Cascade Rural Fire Protection District standards. Additional comments are not needed for this application. (August 28, 2025)
4. Public comment received: none
5. Physical characteristics of the site: relatively flat, sagebrush-covered
6. The surrounding land use and zoning includes:
North: Warm Lake Road; Agricultural with Home Site
South: Agricultural (Irrigated Grazing / Meadow)
East: Agricultural (Irrigated Grazing)
West: Agricultural; City of Cascade boundary [Agricultural with Home, Granite Excavation, and Cell Tower.
7. Valley County Code (Title 9) in Table 9-3-1. This proposal is categorized under:
 - 3 Civic or Community Service Uses (j) public utility supply, transfer, or relay facilities including administration

Review of Title 9 - Chapter 5 Conditional Uses should be done.

9-5-3: STANDARDS:

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to the various buildings and uses designated herein as conditional uses.

B. Setbacks:

1. Structures Exceeding Three Feet In Height: The setbacks for all structures exceeding three feet (3') in height are specified herein under the site and development standards for the specific use.
2. Highway 55: All structures shall be set back one hundred feet (100') from the right of way line of Highway 55 unless a more restrictive setback is required within other sections of this title.
3. High Water Line: All residential buildings shall be set back at least thirty feet (30') from high water

lines. All other buildings shall be set back at least one hundred feet (100') from high water lines.

4. Front Yards: Front yards shall be determined by the structure establishing the principal use on the property and the location of the access street or road.
5. Encroachment On Yards: No other structure may encroach on the yards determined for the structure establishing principal use.
6. Measurement: All building setbacks shall be measured horizontally, on a perpendicular to the property line, to the nearest corner or face of the building including eaves, projections, or overhangs.

9-5A SITE IMPROVEMENTS

9-5A-1: GRADING:

- A. Permit Required: Grading to prepare a site for a conditional use or grading, vegetation removal, construction or other activity that has any impact on the subject land or on adjoining properties is a conditional use. A conditional use permit is required prior to the start of such an activity.
- D. Wetlands: Grading or disturbance of wetlands is subject to approval of the U.S. corps of engineers under the federal clean water act. The federal permit, if required, shall be part of the conditional use permit.
- E. Site Grading Plan:
 1. The conditional use permit application shall include a site grading plan, or preliminary site grading plan for subdivisions, clearly showing the existing site topography and the proposed final grades with elevations or contour lines and specifications for materials and their placement as necessary to complete the work. The plan shall demonstrate compliance with best management practices for surface water management for permanent management and the methods that will be used during construction to control or prevent the erosion, mass movement, siltation, sedimentation, and blowing of dirt and debris caused by grading, excavation, open cuts, side slopes, and other site preparation and development. The plan shall be subject to review of the county engineer and the soil conservation district. The information received from the county engineer, the soil conservation district, and other agencies regarding the site grading plan shall be considered by the planning and zoning commission and/or the board of county commissioners in preparing the conditions of approval or reasons for denial of the applications.
- F. Land Surfaces Not Used For Roads, Buildings And Parking: All land surfaces not used for roads, buildings and parking shall be covered either by natural vegetation, other natural and undisturbed open space, or landscaping.
- G. Stormwater Management Plan: Prior to issuance of building permits, the administrator must receive a certification from the developer's engineer verifying that the stormwater management plan has been implemented according to approved plans.

9-5A-2: ROADS AND DRIVEWAYS:

- B. Access Roads Or Driveways: Residential developments, civic or community service uses, and commercial uses shall have at least two (2) access roads or driveways to a public street wherever practicable.

9-5A-4: LANDSCAPING:

- A. Purpose And General Regulations:
 3. General Regulations
 - d. Strip, Excavate, Remove Topsoil Or Berm Up Soil On Site: No person, firm or corporation shall strip, excavate or remove topsoil nor shall they berm up soil on a site, except to accommodate an approved building, building addition or facilitate necessary and approved site improvements. These changes must be part of the approved site grading and stormwater management plan. This subsection does not apply to sites where permitted uses exist or are proposed.
 - f. Use Of Landscaped Areas: Landscaped areas shall not be used for parking of vehicles, display of merchandise or other uses detrimental to the landscaping.

4. Maintenance:
 - a. Responsibility For Maintenance: The landscape areas on site, as well as in the right of way, shall be maintained by the owner or owner's association (should the property be subdivided) or the lessee of the site. Any areas designated and intended for the purposes of on site water retention shall be maintained and reserved for that specific purpose. Any alteration or deterioration of those areas shall be considered a violation of this title and any applicable ordinance.
 - b. Replacement Of Plant Material: Any plant material that does not survive shall be replaced within thirty (30) days of its demise.
 - c. Removal Or Destruction Of Landscape Material: The removal or destruction of landscape material previously approved by the county shall constitute a violation of this title. Replacement of landscape material shall be of like size as that which was removed or destroyed.
 - d. Maintained In Accordance With Site and/or Landscape Plan: Landscaping, irrigation systems, walls, screening devices, curbing and lighting shall be reasonably maintained in accordance with the approved site and/or landscape plan. Plant material shall not be severely pruned such that the natural growth pattern or characteristic forms are significantly altered.
 - e. Modification and/or Removal Of Existing Landscaping: Modifications and/or removal of existing landscaping shall require prior approval.
 - f. Lack Of Maintenance: The lack of maintenance shall constitute a violation of this title.
 - g. Sight Obscuring Landscape Features: Sight obscuring landscape features such as hedges shall be maintained in such a manner that vision necessary for safe operation of motor vehicles or bicycles along or entering public roadways is not obstructed.
- B. Landscaping; Standards Of Design:
 1. Minimum Requirements: Each site to be developed under a conditional use permit shall be required to provide landscape areas equal to or exceeding the following minimum amounts:
 - b. Service/Commercial Use: Each site for proposed service/commercial use shall have a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of the net site/lot area in landscaping.
 - d. Additional Landscaping: In addition to the minimum on site landscaping, there shall be landscaping in the entire area of the right of way, between street property line and back of street curb, road, back slope, or fill slope, except for approved driveways, walkways, bike paths, and snow storage areas.
 4. Use Adjacent To Single-Family Residential Development: Where multi-family, commercial, office or industrial uses are adjacent to or separated by an alley or lesser separation from a single-family residential development, such trees shall be planted at ten feet (10') on center, with every other tree being a minimum twenty four inch (24") box size.
 5. Commercial, Office Or Industrial Use Adjacent To Residence: Where a commercial, office or industrial user of over fifty thousand (50,000) square feet building area is located adjacent to a residence, the landscape buffer described in subsection B3 of this section shall be increased to fifteen feet (15') (adjacent to that user), with two (2) rows of trees along the interior side of the property line. Each row is to contain minimum fifteen (15) gallon trees spaced fifteen feet (15') on center, staggered for maximum effect in buffering the two (2) uses.
 6. Criteria For Trees Along Street Frontage: Trees shall be required along all street frontages according to the following criteria:
 - a. A minimum of one tree shall be planted for every twenty five feet (25') of linear street frontage. The trees may be grouped or planted in groves;
 - b. Fifty percent (50%) shall be twenty four inch (24") box size or larger with the balance being minimum fifteen (15) gallon size;
 - c. The trees selected shall be compatible with the overall site and landscape plan as well as adjacent sites.
 7. Standard Tree Planting Detail: All trees shall be planted and staked in accordance with the "Standard Tree Planting Detail" diagram in section 9-5-4 of this chapter. Plant sizes to be in accordance with Nurseryman Association standards.
 8. On Site Water Retention Areas: All on site water retention areas, other than paved surfaces, shall be entirely landscaped and shall comply with the following criteria:

- a. The retention areas shall not occupy more than sixty seven percent (67%) of the on site street frontage landscape area;
- b. All retention areas shall maintain slopes no steeper than three to one (3:1).
- 9. Mounding And Berming: All mounding and berming shall have slopes no steeper than three to one (3:1).
- 10. Ground Cover: A minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the landscaped areas is to be planted with vegetative ground cover. Minimum size and spacing to be one gallon size plants at a maximum three feet (3') on center.
- 11. Landscape Designs: Landscape designs shall be compatible with adjacent properties. Selected stock shall be especially suited for this climate or shall be from native stock.

9-5A-5: FENCING:

- A. Substituted For Planting Screens: Fencing may be substituted for planting screens subject to the approval of the staff and the commission.
- B. Separation Or Screening: Fencing shall be installed to provide separation or screening as specified in the site or development standards for the specific use. A sight obscuring fence required by the commission for any conditional use shall be stained or painted a single solid color, shall not be used for advertising, and shall be maintained in good repair.
- E. Construction And Materials: Fence construction and materials shall be in accordance with commonly accepted good practices to produce a neat appearing durable fence. The location, height, and materials used for constructing a fence shall be approved by the commission and specified in the conditional use permit. Fences required for any conditional use shall be maintained in good repair.
- F. Conditional Use Adjoins Agricultural Uses: Where a conditional use adjoins an agricultural use where animal grazing is known to occur for more than thirty (30) consecutive days per year, the permittee shall cause a fence to be constructed so as to prevent the animals from entering the use area. The permittee shall provide for the maintenance of said fence through covenants, association documents, agreement(s) with the adjoining owner(s), or other form acceptable to the commission prior to approval of the permit so that there is reasonable assurance that the fence will be maintained in functional condition so long as the conflicting uses continue.
- G. Obstruction Of Vision: Sight obscuring fences, hedges, walls, latticework, or screens shall not be constructed in such a manner that vision necessary for safe operation of motor vehicles or bicycles on or entering public roadways is obstructed.

9-5B PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

9-5B-1: NOISE:

- A. Commercial Or Industrial Activity: The noise emanating from any commercial or industrial activity shall be muffled so as not to become objectionable due to intermittent beat, frequency or shrillness, and shall not exceed forty (40) decibels between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) P.M. and seven o'clock (7:00) A.M., and sixty (60) decibels at other hours at the property line if adjacent uses are not the same.

9-5B-2: LIGHTING:

9-5B-3: ELECTRICAL INTERFERENCE:

Provisions must be made for necessary shielding or other preventive measures against interferences occasioned by mechanical, electrical, electronic, and nuclear equipment, uses or processes with electrical apparatus in nearby buildings or land uses.

9-5B-4: EMISSIONS:

- A. Obnoxious Odors; Toxic Or Corrosive Fumes Or Gases: The emission of obnoxious odors of any kind shall not be permitted, nor the emission of any toxic or corrosive fumes or gases.
- B. Dust: Dust created by an industrial, commercial, or recreational operation shall not be exhausted or wasted into the air. All operations shall be subject to the standards in appendix C, fugitive dust 1. State air quality permits, when required, may be a condition of approval of the conditional use permit or may be required to be a part of the conditional use permit at the discretion of the commission.

9-5B-5: DUST:

- A. Minimization Required: Dust and other types of air pollution borne by the wind from such sources as storage areas and roads, shall be minimized by appropriate landscaping, paving, oiling, watering on a scheduled basis, or other acceptable means.

- B. Created By Approved Operation: Dust created by any approved operation shall not be exhausted or wasted into the air. The standards in appendix C, fugitive dust 1 along with state air quality permits, when required, may be a condition of approval of the conditional use permit or may be required to be a part of the conditional use permit at the discretion of the commission.

9-5B-6: OPEN STORAGE:

All storage shall be located within an area not closer than twenty feet (20') from the street right of way line and shall be enclosed with a heavy wire or board fence not less than six feet (6') high, or by plantings the same height. Lumber, coal, or other combustible material will be fully accessible to firetrucks at all times. Open storage of toxic or hazardous materials shall not be allowed.

9-5B-7: FIRE PROTECTION:

Provisions must be made to implement prefire activities that may help improve the survivability of people and homes in areas prone to wildfire. Activities may include vegetation management around the home, use of fire resistant building materials, appropriate subdivision design, removal of fuel, providing a water source, and other measures. Recommendations of the applicable fire district will be considered.

9-5D CIVIC OR COMMUNITY SERVICE USES

9-5D-1: - SITE OR DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS:

Civic or community service uses shall meet the following site or development standards:

A. Minimum Lot Areas:

1. Hospitals, sanatoriums, retirement homes, government administration buildings, cemeteries, and similar uses shall be located on lots or parcels of minimum area as computed from subsection 9-5-3A2 of this chapter but shall not be less than one acre.
2. Sanitary landfills for solid waste disposal sites shall be in accordance with federal and state standards and not be less than five (5) acres. Central sewage treatment facility sites shall not be less than two (2) acres. This minimum area does not apply to undesignated sewage treatment facilities.
3. Other uses in this category shall occur on sites of an area sufficient to accommodate the use, associated activities or uses, and to adequately contain adverse impacts.
4. Frontage along a public or private road shall not be less than seventy five feet (75').

B. Minimum Setbacks:

1. The minimum building setbacks shall be fifty feet (50') from front, rear, and side street property lines and thirty feet (30') from side property lines except the minimum setbacks for cemeteries shall be thirty feet (30') from front and side street property lines, ten feet (10') from side property lines and fifteen feet (15') from rear property lines. Central sewage treatment facilities shall be set back at least one hundred feet (100') from any property line.

C. Maximum Building Heights And Floor Area:

1. Building heights shall not exceed thirty five feet (35') above the lower of the existing or finished grade. The building size or floor area may not exceed the limitations of subsections 9-5-3A and C of this chapter.
2. No structure or combination of structures may cover more than forty percent (40%) of the lot.

D. Site Improvements: Parking spaces shall be provided at the rate of one per two hundred fifty (250) square feet of floor area as applicable where buildings are a part of the use or as determined by the commission.

SUMMARY:

Staff's compatibility rating is a +15.

The Planning and Zoning Commission should do their own compatibility rating prior to the meeting (form with directions attached).

STAFF COMMENTS / QUESTIONS:

1. This site is within the Cascade Fire District and Water District 65; it is not within a herd district. There is an irrigation ditch and drainage easement within the property.
2. RP14N03E250005 was created on August 14, 2008, instrument numbers 334103 and 334104. Parent parcel RP14N03E250001 was split into RP14N03E250005 and RP14N03E290005. Therefore, the parcel is not eligible for a simple split. However, a lot-line adjustment can be done. Davis Cattle Company would deed a portion of the parcel to Idaho Power. Then Davis Cattle Company would combine the remaining piece (approximately 106.8 acres) with an adjoining parcel that the Company owns.
3. Warm Lake Road is a prescribed easement at this location.
4. Landscaping should include visual screening on all perimeters. Landscaping is currently proposed between the facility and Warm Lake Highway; it should be on the sides for the view corridor from the east and west, and south for screening from the residential uses across the pasture in the city.
5. Minimum setbacks are 50-ft from front and rear property lines; 30-ft from side property lines; and 100-ft from high-water lines of the ditch and stream. Fences over 6-ft tall cannot be constructed within the setback area; therefore, the setback would be 50' from the northern property line. Landscaping can be placed between the fence and Warm Lake Highway.
6. Should gates be farther from Warm Lake Highway, at the fence line, to accommodate vehicles pulling off the highway and allowing for gates to open?

Question to P&Z Commission:

1. Does this use meet the minimum standards in Title 9, Chapter 5, of the Valley County Code in regard to frontage, lot size, etc.? If not, which ones does it not comply with?
2. Would impacts be properly mitigated? If not, which impacts would not be mitigated?
3. If not approved, what could the applicant do to gain approval?

Standards of Approval:

1. Will the application result in an increase in value of private property? VCC 9-5-2(B)(3).
2. Will the approval of the application result in an undue adverse impact on the environment? VCC 9-5-2(B)(3).
3. Will the approval of the application result in an undue adverse impact on adjoining properties? VCC 9-5-2(B)(3).
4. Will the approval of the application result in an undue adverse impact on governmental services? VCC 9-5-2(B)(3).
5. Is the application consistent with the Valley County Comprehensive Plan? VCC 9-5-2(B)(3).
6. Conditional uses may be approved only after a C.U.P. has been evaluated to determine that the impacts can be mitigated through conformance with conditions of approval. VCC 9-5-2(A).

These six standards should be a significant focus of attention during the public hearing and deliberations because they need to be resolved in order to justify approval. VCC 9-5-1(C) directs the decision-making body to encourage conditional uses where noncompatible aspects of the application can be satisfactorily mitigated through development agreements for the costs to service providers and impacts to surrounding land uses. Because mitigation measures are a requirement of approval the applicant needs to understand that he/she will be required to perform some off-site improvements. They are not mandatory but without them the application cannot satisfy the mitigation of impacts requirement and would be denied under the ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Proposed Conditions of Approval
- Blank Compatibility Evaluation and Instructions
- Compatibility Evaluation by Staff
- Location Map
- Aerial Map
- Assessor's Plat – T.14N R.3E Sec. 25
- Google Maps View of Area, 2024
- Google Street View, August 2024
- Wetland Map
- Pictures Taken Augst 21, 2025
- Site Plan
- Responses

Proposed Conditions of Approval

1. The application, the staff report, and the provisions of the Land Use and Development Ordinance are all made a part of this permit as if written in full herein. Any violation of any portion of the permit will be subject to enforcement and penalties in accordance with Title 9-2-5; and, may include revocation or suspension of the conditional use permit.
2. Any change in the nature or scope of land use activities shall require an additional Conditional Use Permit.
3. The issuance of this permit and these conditions will not relieve the applicant from complying with applicable County, State, or Federal laws or regulations or be construed as permission to operate in violation of any statute or regulations. Violation of these laws, regulations or rules may be grounds for revocation of the Conditional Use Permit or grounds for suspension of the Conditional Use Permit.
4. The use shall be established within one year, or a permit extension will be required.
5. All lighting must comply with the Valley County Lighting Ordinance. All lights shall be fully shielded so that there is not upward or horizontal projection of lights.
6. All noxious weeds on the property must be controlled.
7. A wetland delineation shall be completed by a qualified professional.
8. Must have a stormwater management plan and site grading plan approved by the Valley County Engineer prior to doing any dirt work on-site.
9. Must comply with requirements of the Cascade Fire District.
10. Shall obtain a sign permit prior to installation of any sign.

11. Snow must be stored on-site.
12. The site must be kept in a neat and orderly manner.
13. Shall clearly post the physical address at the driveway entrance.
14. Noise shall be kept to a minimum between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
15. A building permit is required for the control building.
16. Building permits will be required for any fencing over 6-ft in height.
17. Minimum setbacks are 50-ft from front and rear property lines; 30-ft from side property lines; and 100-ft from high-water lines of the ditch and stream. Fences over 6-ft tall cannot be constructed within the setback area.
18. Landscaping shall be installed prior to November 1, 2027. If landscaping dies, it must be replaced.
19. A minimum of one tree should be maintained for every 25 feet of linear street frontage along the property line. The trees may be grouped or planted in groves.
20. Landscaping is required along all sides of the perimeter.
21. A Development Agreement is required for mitigation of off-site impacts. The applicant shall work with Valley County Road Department on an agreement for off-site infrastructure improvements that will be approved by the Board of County Commissioners. This may include dedication of road right-of-way along Warm Lake Road.

END OF STAFF REPORT

Compatibility Questions and Evaluation

Matrix Line # / Use: _____

Prepared by: _____

YES/NO X Response
Value

Use Matrix Values:

(+2/-2) _____ X 4 _____

1. Is the proposed use compatible with the dominant adjacent land use?

(+2/-2) _____ X 2 _____

2. Is the proposed use compatible with the other adjacent land uses (total and average)?

(+2/-2) _____ X 1 _____

3. Is the proposed use generally compatible with the overall land use in the local vicinity?

Site Specific Evaluation (Impacts and Proposed Mitigation)

(+2/-2) _____ X 3 _____

4. Is the property large enough, does the existence of wooded area, or does the lay of the land help to minimize any potential impacts the proposed use may have on adjacent uses?

(+2/-2) _____ X 1 _____

5. Is the size or scale of proposed lots and/or structures similar to adjacent ones?

(+2/-2) _____ X 2 _____

6. Is the traffic volume and character to be generated by the proposed use similar to the uses on properties that will be affected by proximity to parking lots, on-site roads, or access roads?

(+2/-2) _____ X 2 _____

7. Is the potential impact on adjacent properties due to the consuming or emission of any resource or substance compatible with that of existing uses?

(+2/-2) _____ X 2 _____

8. Is the proposed use compatible with the abilities of public agencies to provide service or of public facilities to accommodate the proposed use demands on utilities, fire and police protection, schools, roads, traffic control, parks, and open areas?

(+2/-2) _____ X 2 _____

9. Is the proposed use cost effective when comparing the cost for providing public services and improving public facilities to the increases in public revenue from the improved property?

Sub-Total (+) _____

Sub-Total (--) _____

Total Score _____

The resulting values for each questions shall be totaled so that each land use and development proposal receives a single final score.

9-11-1: APPENDIX A, COMPATIBILITY EVALUATION:

- A. General: One of the primary functions of traditional zoning is to classify land uses so that those which are not fully compatible or congruous can be geographically separated from each other. The county has opted to substitute traditional zoning with a multiple use concept in which there is no separation of land uses. Proposed incompatible uses may adversely affect existing uses, people, or lands in numerous ways: noise, odors, creation of hazards, view, water contamination, loss of needed or desired resources, property values, or infringe on a desired lifestyle. To ensure that the county can continue to grow and develop without causing such land use problems and conflicts, a mechanism designed to identify and discourage land use proposals which will be incompatible at particular locations has been devised. The compatibility evaluation of all conditional uses also provides for evaluations in a manner which is both systematic and consistent.
- B. Purpose; Use:
1. The compatibility rating is to be used as a tool to assist in the determination of compatibility. The compatibility rating is not the sole deciding factor in the approval or denial of any application.
 2. Staff prepares a preliminary compatibility rating for conditional use permits, except for conditional use permits for PUDs. The commission reviews the compatibility rating and may change any value.
- C. General Evaluation: Completing the compatibility questions and evaluation (form):
1. All evaluations shall be made as objectively as possible by assignment of points for each of a series of questions. Points shall be assigned as follows:
 - Plus 2 - assigned for full compatibility (adjacency encouraged).
 - Plus 1 - assigned for partial compatibility (adjacency not necessarily encouraged).
 - 0 - assigned if not applicable or neutral.
 - Minus 1 - assigned for minimal compatibility (adjacency not discouraged).
 - Minus 2 - assigned for no compatibility (adjacency not acceptable).
 2. Each response value shall be multiplied by some number, which indicates how important that particular response is relative to all the others. Multipliers shall be any of the following:
 - x4 - indicates major relative importance.
 - x3 - indicates above average relative importance.
 - x2 - indicates below average relative importance.
 - x1 - indicates minor relative importance.
- D. Matrix - Questions 1 Through 3: The following matrix shall be utilized, wherever practical, to determine response values for questions one through three (3). Uses classified and listed in the left hand column and across the top of the matrix represent possible proposed, adjacent, or vicinity land uses. Each box indicates the extent of compatibility between any two (2) intersecting uses. These numbers should not be changed from proposal to proposal, except where distinctive uses arise which may present unique compatibility considerations. The commission shall determine whether or not there is a unique consideration.
- E. Terms:
- DOMINANT ADJACENT LAND USE:** Any use which is within three hundred feet (300') of the use boundary being proposed; and
1. Comprises at least one-half (1/2) of the adjacent uses and one-fourth (1/4) of the total adjacent area; or
 2. Where two (2) or more uses compete equally in number and are more frequent than all the other uses, the one with the greatest amount of acreage is the dominant land use; or
 3. In all other situations, no dominant land use exists. When this occurs, the response value shall be zero.
- LOCAL VICINITY:** Land uses within a one to three (3) mile radius. The various uses therein should be identified and averaged to determine the overall use of the land.
- F. Questions 4 Through 9:
1. In determining the response values for questions 4 through 9, the evaluators shall consider the information contained in the application, the goals and objectives of the comprehensive plan, the provisions of this title and related ordinances, information gained from an actual inspection of the site, and information gathered by the staff.
 2. The evaluator or commission shall also consider proposed mitigation of the determined impacts. Adequacy of the mitigation will be a factor.

APPENDIX A

MATRIX FOR RATING QUESTIONS 1, 2, and 3

MATRIX FOR RATING QUESTIONS 1, 2, and 3																							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
RESIDENTIAL USES	1. AGRICULTURAL																						
	2. RESIDENCE, S.F.	+2		+2	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	-1	+2	+1	-2		+1	-1	+1	+1	-1	+1	+1	-2	-2
	3. SUBDIVISION, S.F.	-1	+2		+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	-1	+2	+1	-2		+1	-1	+1	+2	-1	+2	+1	-2	-2
	4. M.H. or R.V. PARK	-2	+1	+1		+1	+1	+1	+1	-1	+2	+1	-2		+1	-1	+1	+1	-1	+1	+1	-2	-2
	5. RESIDENCE, M.F.	-2	+1	+1	+1		+2	+2	+1	+1	-1	+2	+1	-2		+1	-1	+1	+1	-1	+1	-2	-2
	6. SUBDIVISION, M.F.	-2	+1	+1	+1	+2		+2	+1	+1	-1	+2	+1	-2		+1	-1	+1	+1	-1	+1	-2	-2
	7. P.U.D., RES.	-2	+1	+1	+1	+2	+2		+1	+1	-1	+2	+1	-2		+1	-1	+1	+1	-1	+1	-2	-2
CIVIC or COMMUNITY SERVICE USES	8. REL., EDUC & REHAB	+1	+2	+1	+1	+1	+1		+1	+1	-1	+2	-2		-1	-1	+2	+2	+1	+1	+1	-2	-1
	9. FRAT or GOV'T	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1		+1	-1	+2	-2		-1	-1	+1	+1	+1	-1	+1	-2	-2
	10. PUBLIC UTIL. (1A-3.1)	+1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	+1	+1		+1	+	-1		+1	+1	+1	-1	+1	+1	+1	+2	+2
	11. PUBLIC REC	+1	+2	+2	+2	+2	+2	-1	-1	+1		+2	-1		+1	+1	+2	+1	+1	+1	+1	-1	+1
	12. CEMETERY	+2	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+2	+2	+2	+2		+1		+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+2	+1	+1
	13. LANDFILL or SWR. PLANT	+1	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-1	-1	+1		-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-1	+2	+2	+2
	COMMERCIAL USES	14. PRIV. REC. (PER)	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	-1	-1	+1	+1	+1	-1		+1	+1	+1	+2	+1	+2	+2	-1
15. PRIV. REC. (CON)		-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	+1	+1	+1	-1		+1	-2	-2	-1	-2	-2	+2	-1	+1
16. NEIGHBORHOOD BUS.		-1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+2	+1	+1	+1	+1	-2		+1	-2	+1	+2	+2	+1	+2	-1	-1
17. RESIDENCE BUS.		+2	+2	+2	+1	+1	+1	+2	+1	-1	+2	+1	-2		+1	-2	+1	+1	-1	+1	+1	-2	-2
18. SERV. BUS.		-1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+2	+2		+2	+2	+2	+1	+2	+2		+1	+1
19. AREA BUS.		-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	-2		+1	-2	+2	-1	+2	+1	+2	-2	-2
20. REC. BUS.		-2	+2	+2	+1	+1	+1	+1	-1	-1	+1	+1	-1		+2	-2	+1	+1	+2	+1	+2	-2	+1
INDUST. USES	21. LIGHT IND.	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+2	+2		+2	+2	+2	+2	+2	+2		+1	+1
	22. HEAVY IND.	+2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	+2	-1	+1	+2		-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	-2	+1		+2
	23. EXTR. IND.	+2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-1	-2	+2	+1	+1	+2		+1	+1	-1	-2	-1	-2	+1	+1	+2

RATE THE SOLID SQUARES AS +2

Compatibility Questions and Evaluation

Matrix Line # / Use: #10

Prepared by: CH

YES/NO X Response Value

Use Matrix Values:

(+2/-2) +1 X 4 +4

1. Is the proposed use compatible with the dominant adjacent land use?

(+2/-2) +1 X 2 +2

2. Is the proposed use compatible with the other adjacent land uses (total and average)?

(+2/-2) +1 X 1 +1

3. Is the proposed use generally compatible with the overall land use in the local vicinity?

(+2/-2) -1 X 3 -3

4. Is the property large enough, does the existence of wooded area, or does the lay of the land help to minimize any potential impacts the proposed use may have on adjacent uses?

(+2/-2) -1 X 1 -1

5. Is the size or scale of proposed lots and/or structures similar to adjacent ones?

(+2/-2) +1 X 2 +2

6. Is the traffic volume and character to be generated by the proposed use similar to the uses on properties that will be affected by proximity to parking lots, on-site roads, or access roads?

(+2/-2) +1 X 2 +2

7. Is the potential impact on adjacent properties due to the consuming or emission of any resource or substance compatible with that of existing uses?

(+2/-2) +2 X 2 +4

8. Is the proposed use compatible with the abilities of public agencies to provide service or of public facilities to accommodate the proposed use demands on utilities, fire and police protection, schools, roads, traffic control, parks, and open areas?

(+2/-2) +2 X 2 +4

9. Is the proposed use cost effective when comparing the cost for providing public services and improving public facilities to the increases in public revenue from the improved property?

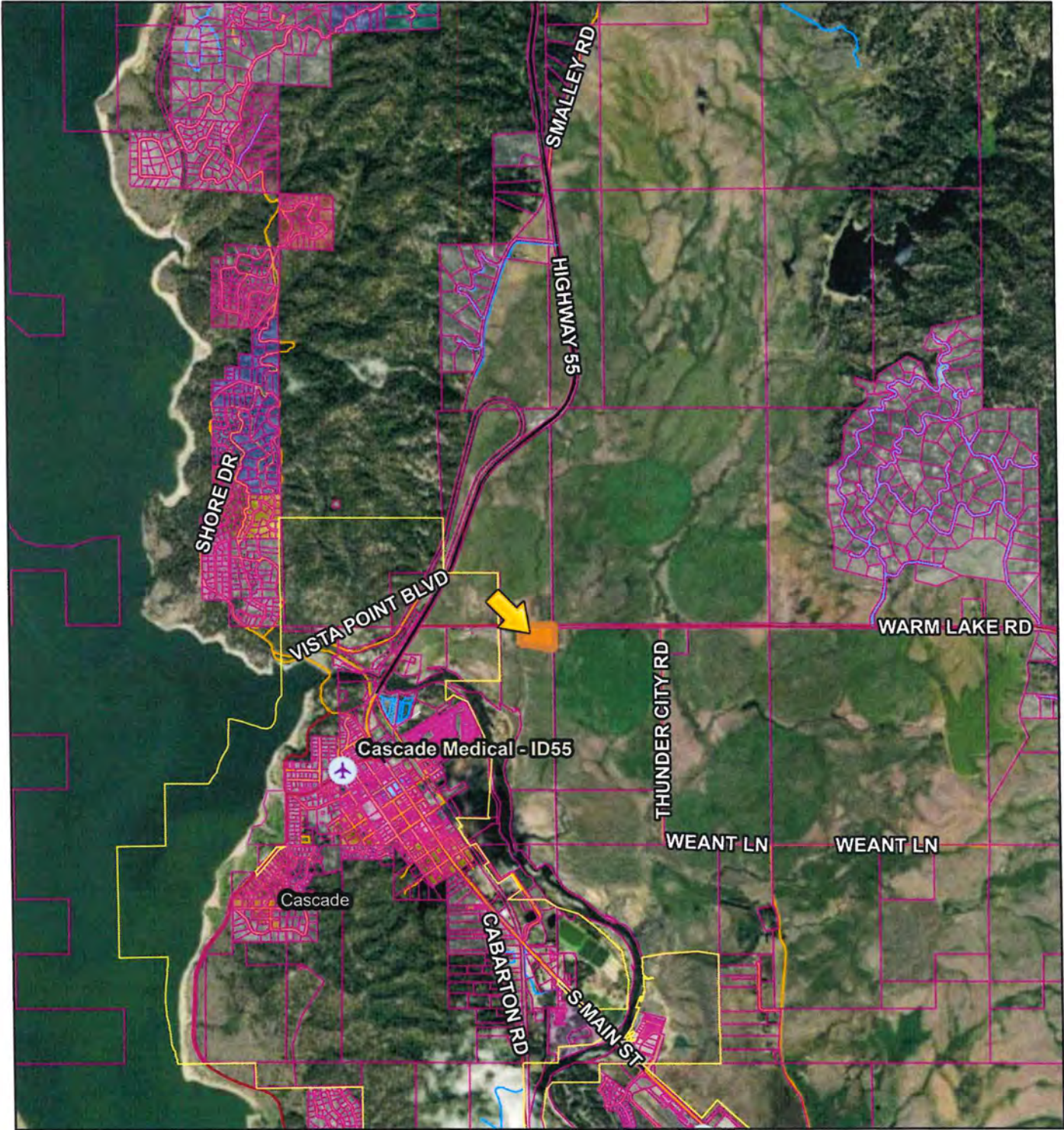
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Total Score +15

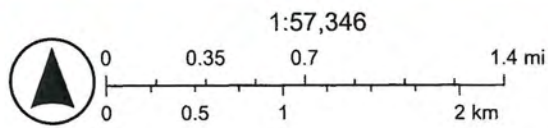
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C.U.P. 25-018 Location Map



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-  Airstrips
-  Municipalities
-  Parcel Boundaries



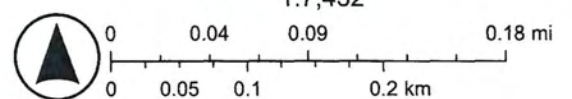
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C.U.P. 25-018 Aerial - Approximate Boundary



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- Address Points
- Parcel Boundaries




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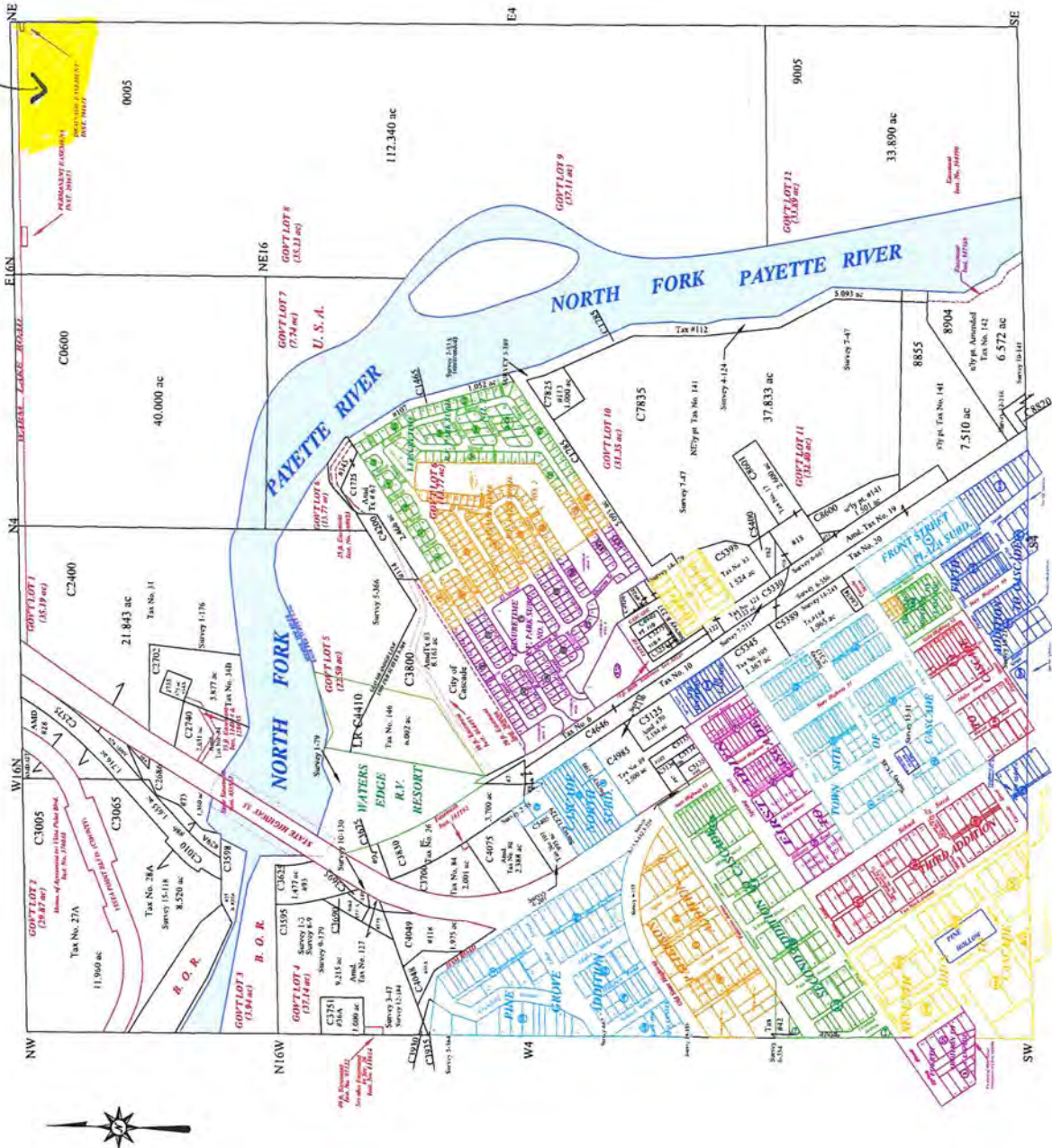
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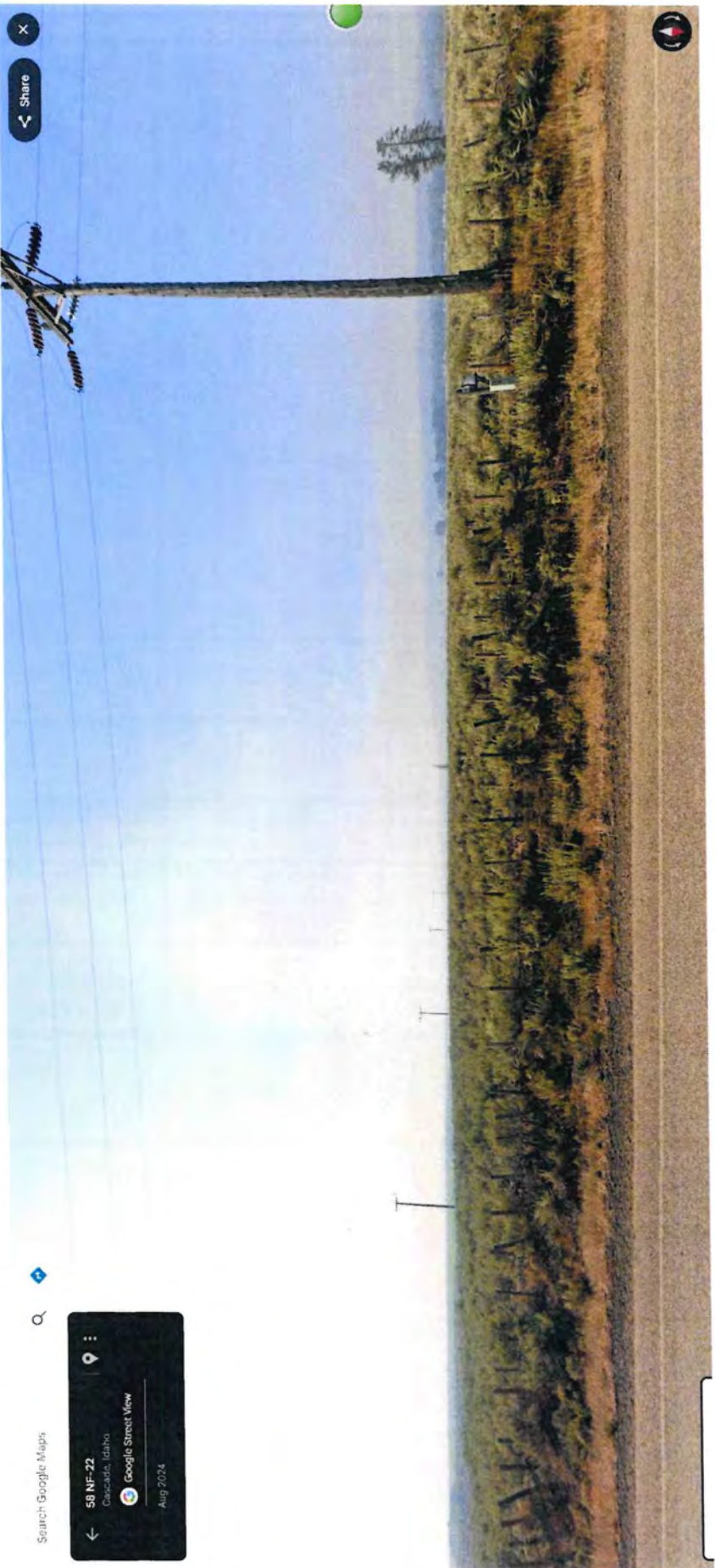


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Google Maps – Aerial View - 2025



Warm Lake Road, Looking Southerly (Source Google Maps – Street View, August 2024)

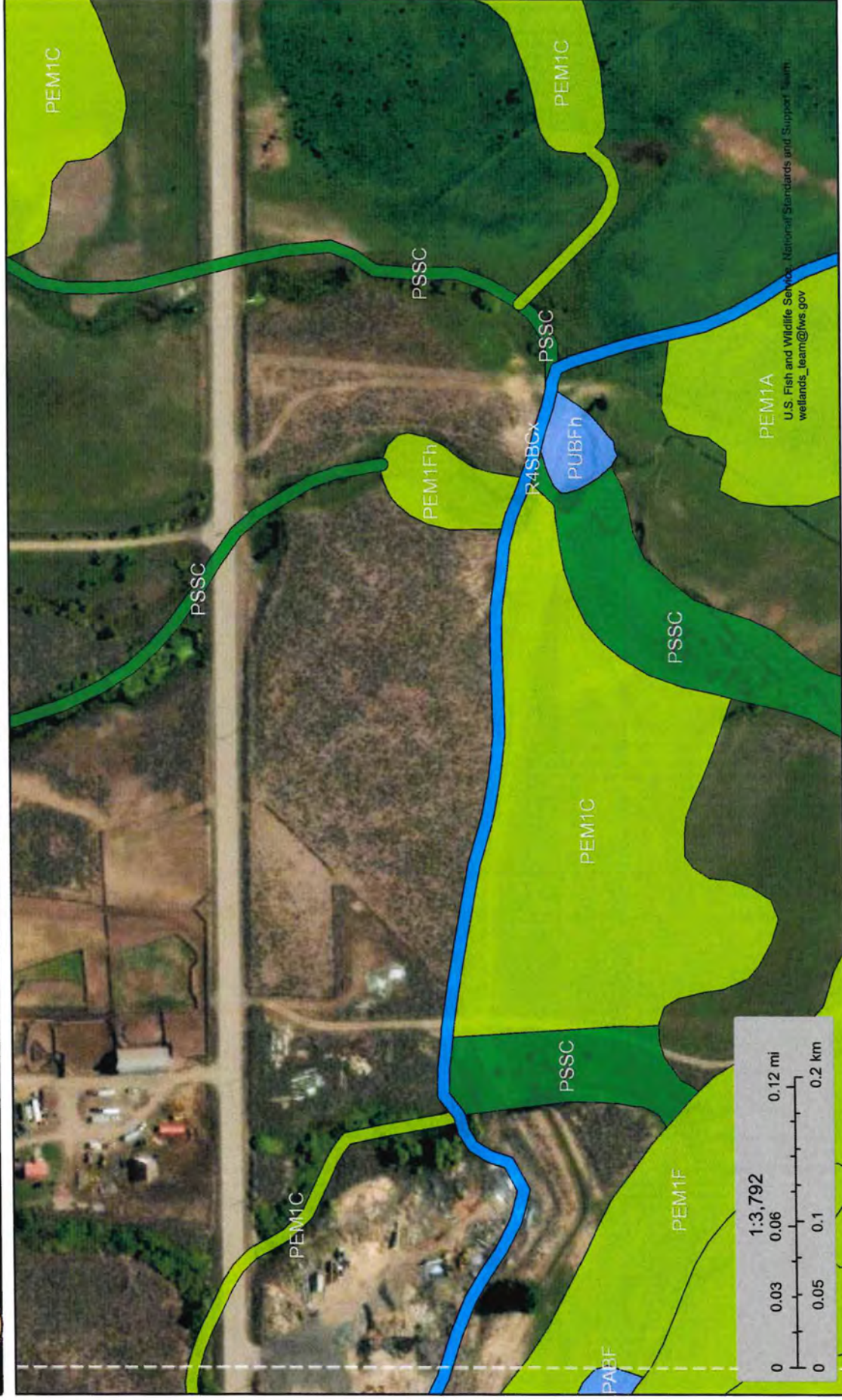




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National Wetlands Inventory

Wetland Map - National Wetlands Inventory



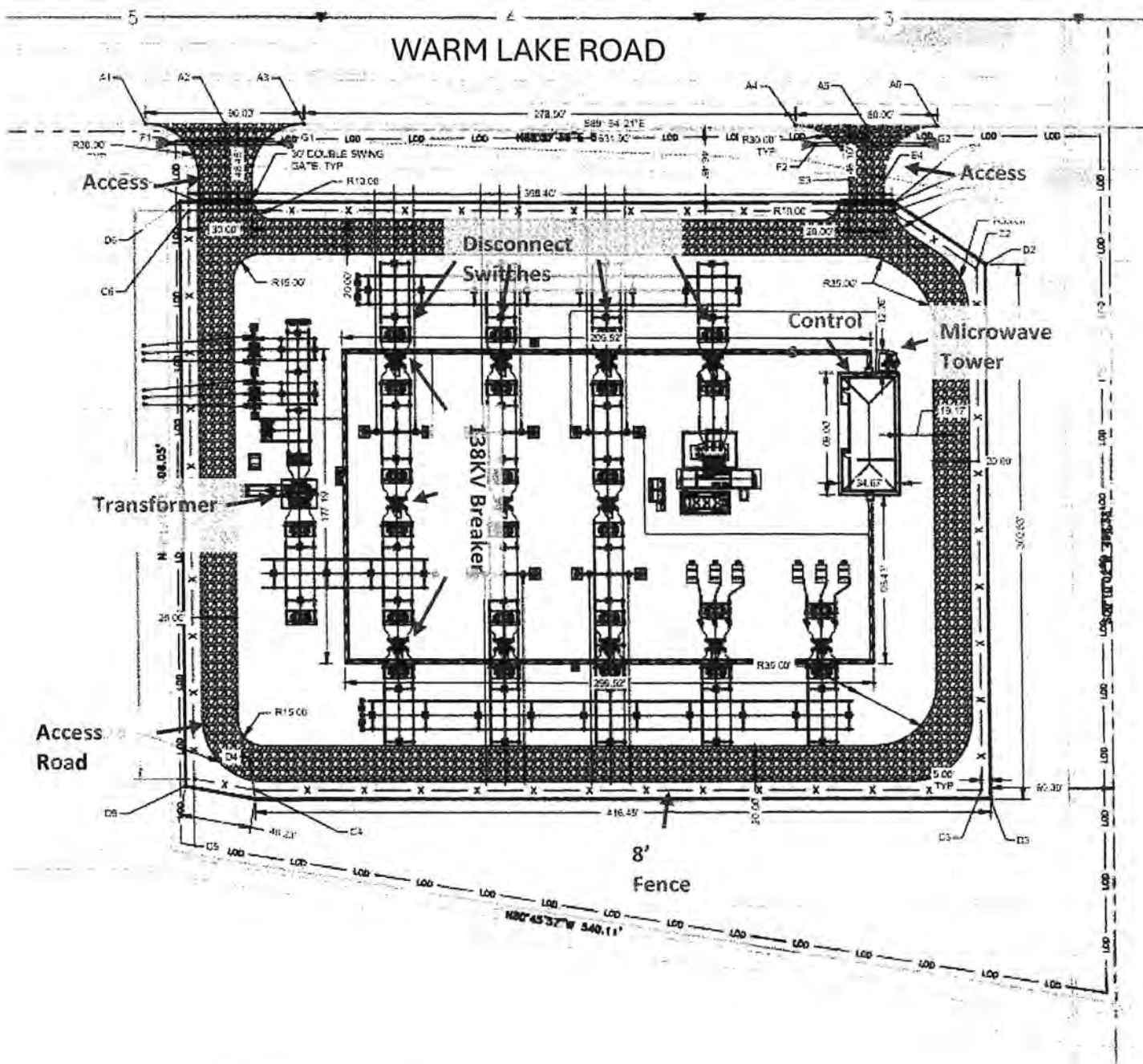
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Wetlands

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| | Estuarine and Marine Deepwater | | Freshwater Emergent Wetland | | Lake |
| | Estuarine and Marine Wetland | | Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland | | Other |
| | | | Freshwater Pond | | Riverine |

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* 7-ft Fence
per Jeff Mattuccio,

From: Emily Hart <ehart@mccall.id.us>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 10:52 AM
To: Lori Hunter <lhunter@valleycountyid.gov>
Subject: Re: Public Hearings - Valley County PZ - Sept. 11, 2025

Lori,

SUB 25-019 is 1.8 miles from Runway 34. In Horizontal Surface. Prescreen for FAA Form 7460-1 submittal <https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/oe3a/main/#/noticePrescreen>

Obstruction Evaluation / Airport Airspace Analysis (OE3A)

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Obstruction Evaluation Group (OEG) is currently closed. Unfortunately, due to this closure we will not be able to accept new or process previously submitted applications for off-airport filings under 14 CFR Part 77. Upon our return, the OEG staff will immediately begin accepting e-filings via this website and process applications as quickly as possible ...

oeaaa.faa.gov

No other Airport comments for the Sept. 11 Agenda.

Have a great day,

Emily

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From: Steven Hull <steve@cascaderuralfire.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2025 10:34 AM

To: Cynda Herrick <cherrick@valleycountyid.gov>

Subject: Idaho Power CUP 25-018

Cynda,

I've reviewed CUP 25-018 for a Switching Station off Warmlake Road and is within CRFPD. This CUP application addresses the ground fuel mitigation and adequate access to comply with CRFPD standards.

Additional comments are not needed for this application.

Thanks

