

## Tami Merriman

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**From:** Shaun Dinubilo <sdinubilo@squaxin.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 6, 2022 10:55 AM  
**To:** Tami Merriman  
**Subject:** RE: NOA - Kirsop Crossing Division 3

Hello Tami,

Thank you for contacting the Squaxin Island Tribe Cultural Resources Department regarding the above listed project for our review and comment. The project area has a high potential for the location of cultural resources. We recommend a cultural resources survey and report be completed for this project. We would prefer to receive an electronic copy by email once completed.



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Email is my preferred method of communication.

As per 43 CFR 7.18[a][1]) of the Archaeological Resource Protection Act, Section 304 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and RCW 42.56.300 of the Washington State Public Records Act-Archaeological Sites, all information concerning the location, character, and ownership of any cultural resource must be withheld from public disclosure.

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**From:** Kelly Wallace <KWallace@ci.tumwater.wa.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 4, 2022 11:16 AM  
**Subject:** NOA - Kirsop Crossing Division 3

Please see attached.

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**From:** Bonnie Blessing <bonnie.blessing@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 4, 2022 10:19 AM  
**To:** Tami Merriman  
**Subject:** Kirsop crossing

Hi;

Hello;

re: Kirsop Crossing

Its pretty clear the region needs more housing.

I drive Kirsop Road about once/week and used to help pick up litter in the ditches along Kirsop Road. Kirsop Crossing would add traffic to Kirsop road during and after construction. The roads from Trosper Road seem to be sinking into the muck and there's very little shoulder for walking. Stabilizign the road is complicated. Ther'es a very unique bog there on Kirsop. Its on Greenwood Peat. This type of Peat also occurs where I once lived near 85th and Greenwood in Seattle. As buildings were built on this peat, they had to drive pilings into the peat to stabilize parking lots and structures. But the wetlands there behind Kirsop are quite rare. See the lodgepole pine there. Under that is sphagnum peat, Labrador Tea, sundew. Its going away, perhaps due to fluctuations or introductions of nutrients. I don't know. Protecting the wetland is more than protecting the road surface. Is there any way large trucks for construction can avoid driving those swampy crossings as the road just seems to settle every year.

Can you ask the property owners along Kirsop between Kirsop Crossing and Trosper how their road condition and adjoining natural areas impacts their lives.

Best

Bonnie Blessing

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**From:** bmcsound@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Monday, January 17, 2022 2:41 PM  
**To:** Tami Merriman  
**Subject:** Tum-21-1887 and Tum-21-1889

Tami,

I am opposed to the further development at 6139 Kirsop RD SW- Kirsop Crossing Div 3.

I am concerned about the impact of more cars and trucks on the failing Kirsop RD from the proposed development site to Trosper Rd. When I moved here in the early 2000's we never had the issues of this many cars using this road as a major thoroughfare. This has caused the road to deteriorate , property damage, and cause safety issues with anyone wanting to walk or kids and dogs play in our yards. Many cars drive at very high speeds.

I am concerned about the water runoff and where all that water will go. This is a sensitive area. This used to be a salmon run area. The city has already choked off the flow of water which has created even more flooding issues to our properties.

I am also concerned about the wildlife in this area that will be affected with more housing.

Brian McCarroll

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**From:** Joseph Darbro <josephdarbro@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022 7:08 AM  
**To:** Tami Merriman  
**Subject:** Public comment re Kirsop development

Hi Tammy

We purchased our home on Kirsop Rd SW in 2018 and really feel priveleged to be here. Truly, I can still hardly believe it.

Among the best parts of our dwelling is the tight nit community of neighbors who looks after each other and celebrates joys together. Dale, Barbara, Ron and his family, Carrie & Brian, Ted and his family...

We also deeply love the swamp, the nature, a relative seclusion from the pollution of the busy Trosper Rd area. We love the sound of frogs at night and of the ducks who fly over our home almost daily.

My family was disheartened when we learned that the developer Rob Rice had purchased acres of forest at the end of the East side of Kirsop to be developed into suburban style homes... once developed, that land will never go back to serving the Earth and the creatures that live there.

We are now also concerned about the newly planned development on the West side of Kirsop, where the farm with horses currently sits. In addition to the relative loss of Nature in this little corner of our world we are concerned about potential increase in traffic, litter, impacts to the wildlife and pollution.

Also there is no sidewalk on our little street and I use it to commute to work by bike and to go for bike rides with my little one (using a bike trailer). We are concerned for the risks an increase in car traffic may create for our safety when biking and more generally for our little one as he gains more independence and seeks to explore the outside world.

This road where we live is special, we hope it does not develop into decay...

We also understand that housing is a human need and that the cost of housing can only become achievable for many with added supply. We understand that making determination regarding approval of development projects it is a complex matter which involves balancing the needs and interests of community, environment and business interest.

Thank you for taking time to understand our view and for incorporating it into the bigger picture you are bringing to light.

JD Darbro, Jasmine & Sam

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**From:** KSWorth <ksworth@protonmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022 4:36 PM  
**To:** Tami Merriman  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comment - Kirsop Crossing Division 3 Application

City of Tumwater - Community Development Department  
Attn: Tami Merriman, Permit Manager  
555 Israel Road SW, Tumwater, WA 98501

Good afternoon,

I write about the notice of application my husband and I received regarding Kirsop Crossing Division 3, TUM-21-1887 and TUM-21-1889.

There are many mature trees on that property, including several on the boundary line between what is labeled Tract H (adjacent to the proposed lots 12-18) on the map on the backside of the notice we received and the proposed new development. While there are trees periodically along the boundary line between the current and proposed developments, in particular, there is a clustered patch of trees along the boundary line between proposed lots 17 and 18 and Tract H. We are fairly certain that there are rabbits and at least one owl living in that patch of trees.

I write to encourage conservation of at least some of these trees, both for natural beauty and habitat. If there is a safety reason, such as the trees are diseased or structurally unsound, that these trees cannot be saved and incorporated into the new development in some way, I am hopeful the developer will plant new trees to help mitigate the loss of these trees.

I understand that Tumwater has a tree protection ordinance, but as I did not see a reference to that ordinance or a tree plan in the notice, I am unsure whether it has been considered or applies to this situation.

Sincerely, and with thanks for your consideration,

Katie Worthington

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**From:** Rick Guthrie <guthrie.rick@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 15, 2022 10:46 AM  
**To:** Tami Merriman  
**Subject:** Kirsop Crossing 3

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Tami Merriman,

I am in favor of the development of Kirsop Crossing #3 adjacent to Kirsop Crossing #1, where I live.

Currently, the proposed development Kirsop Crossing #3 is a home and pasture for horses. It will be a loss to see the horses go. This property has remained undeveloped for many years. As a result several, a dozen or so, magnificent trees have grown up, approximately 80 feet tall, maybe taller. There are other trees also on this property that are smaller. The smaller trees just do not match the grandeur that the huge tall trees provide.

I have looked at a Rob Rice development off of Log Cabin Rd in Olympia. The development is very nice and it represents what is common to see for new developments in urban settings, i.e. tall trees are clear cut and new trees are planted. Eighty foot trees in these new developments have become a thing of the past. Kirsop Crossing is different because so much of this location is rural. I think that one of the things that helps to provide the rural experience are trees, not just the planting of new trees but the retention of very tall Evergreen trees that currently exist. I know my neighbors enjoy these tall trees and the birds that land on the limbs for us to see and hear.

My request is that the very tall, approximately 80 foot tall, trees be required to remain and not be cut down as part of the Kirsop Crossing #3.

Thank you,  
Rick Guthrie

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**From:** Rick Guthrie <guthrie.rick@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 16, 2022 5:07 PM  
**To:** Tami Merriman  
**Subject:** Kirsop Crossing #3

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Tammi Merriman,

I believe the ground to the north of Kirsop Crossing #3 is a wet land and prone to flooding. Several homes along Kirsop Rd. experience flooding and pump water onto Kirsop Rd. I am concerned that with the changes in our weather that the wetland could easily flood Kirsop Crossing #3. Please make sure the evaluations for surface water and flooding take the recent weather patterns and the flooding of the land to the north of Kirsop Crossing #3 into consideration.

Thank you,  
Rick Guthrie

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**From:** Rick Guthrie <guthrie.rick@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 16, 2022 5:18 PM  
**To:** Tami Merriman  
**Subject:** Kirsop Crossing #3 - community property

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Tammi Merriman,

The addition of Kirsop Crossing #3's 38 lots increases the size of Kirsop Crossing significantly. A combined neighborhood of 112 residences is no longer a mid-sized development. Please make sure Kirsop Crossing #3 has space for children to play including basketball. Also, many of the homes in Kirsop Crossing #1 are ideal for single and/or retiree households. Myself, and I believe several of my adult neighbors would benefit from a pickleball court. Perhaps the pickleball court could be shared with the basketball court in Kirsop Crossing #3. I think having a "play area" within Kirsop Crossing #3 is critical so that children do not have to go more than two or three blocks to participate in fitness related activities. Kirsop Crossing #1 has a "play area" on the southern perimeter and is too far from Kirsop Crossing #3 to be easily accessible or safe.

Thank you,  
Rick Guthrie



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**From:** Rick Guthrie <guthrie.rick@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 21, 2022 10:17 AM  
**To:** Tami Merriman  
**Subject:** Kirsop #3 - Tall trees - doves

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Tammi Merriman,

On the subject of very tall trees, can your forester confirm whether or not the Dove birds nest in these trees? I heard these beautiful birds recently and they sound magnificent. I believe they are Doves. The point I would like to make is that I don't hear the Doves coming from any of the trees planted in Kirsop Crossing #1 or #2. These birds definitely nest in the trees located on the proposed Kirsop Crossing #3. With the approval of Kirsop Crossing #3 we will lose the enjoyment of the horses and the donkey. My request is that we do everything possible to maintain the habitat for these Dove birds. The sounds they make are really wonderful and it keeps something no longer found in Kirsop Crossing #1 and #2.

Thank you,  
Rick Guthrie