



October 8, 2026

TO: Recipients of the Taylor Creek Outfall Improvements Project SEPA DNS/Checklist

FROM: Nathan Hart, SEPA Responsible Official

SUBJECT: Addendum to the Taylor Creek Outfall Improvements Project SEPA Environmental Checklist and Determination of Non-Significance

PURPOSE OF THIS ADDENDUM

In June 2024, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) prepared a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Environmental Checklist that analyzed environmental impacts of its proposed Taylor Creek Outfall Improvements Project. The Project would tightline two stormwater outfalls in Dead Horse Canyon (Lakeridge Park) in the Lakeridge neighborhood of unincorporated King County and in the incorporated limits of the City of Seattle (Attachment A). Lakeridge Park is owned and managed by Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation. Currently, both outfalls discharge stormwater directly onto the east slope of the Canyon and erode soil, destabilize the slope, disturb vegetation, and deliver sediment to Taylor Creek. SPU's proposal would tightline outfalls at Crestwood Dr S and at Rustic Rd S. A tightline is a pipe used to convey stormwater downhill where it can be safely discharged into a diffuser/dissipation structure near or at the bottom of a slope. The Project would also improve upstream stormwater collection and conveyance associated with each outfall. As lead agency for SEPA, SPU issued a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for the Project on June 13, 2024.

The Environmental Checklist disclosed that no trees would be removed as part of this Project. During subsequent project design, SPU identified one tree (shore pine [*Pinus contorta*, 29.5 inches in diameter]) would need to be removed. As lead agency, SPU issued an Addendum to its DNS on June 18, 2025 to document this potential additional work did not substantially alter impact analyses in the Environmental Checklist and would not result in any significant environmental impacts.

Subsequent to June 18, 2025, SPU identified another tree (one Douglas-fir [*Pseudotsuga menziesii*, 29 inches diameter]) that would need to be removed. As lead agency, SPU issued a second Addendum to its DNS on October 30, 2025 to document this potential additional work did not substantially alter impact analyses in the Environmental Checklist and would not result in any significant environmental impacts.

Subsequent to October 30, 2025, SPU identified another two trees would need to be removed. As lead agency, SPU has reviewed the findings and concluded the potential additional work does not substantially alter impact analyses in the Environmental Checklist and will not result in any significant environmental impacts. This Addendum has been prepared in accordance with the authority provided in Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 25.05.600, in accordance with procedures described in SMC 25.05.625 and King County Code (KCC) 20.44, and as established by RCW 43.21C. As per KCC 20.44.050, King County has adopted the procedures and standards regarding preparation of environmental impact statements and other environmental documents pursuant to WAC 197-11-400 through 197-11-460 and 197-11-600 through 197-11-640, including WAC 197-11-625 (Addenda—Procedures).

UPDATED PROJECT INFORMATION

The Project would remove two trees: one European weeping birch (*Betula pendula*, 7.5 inches in diameter]) and one big-leaf maple (*Acer macrophyllum*, approximately 10 inches in diameter]). Both trees are located in unopened street right-of-way adjacent to 10901 Rustic Rd S in unincorporated King County. The trees would be felled and removed from the work site. All other work would be as described in the Taylor Creek Outfall Improvements Project SEPA Environmental Checklist. No additional technical reports have been prepared that directly relate to this proposal.

CHANGES TO ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

Environmental Checklist Section B4: Plants

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If you have questions about the proposed work, please call or email:

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Any comments must be submitted via email no later than October 26, 2026 to:

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Attachment A – Vicinity Map

