

South Hill Bluff Road

Parks & Recreation

Avista



South Hill Bluff Restoration

We are fully committed to restoring this treasured Parks conservation land.

Avista, in collaboration with the City of Spokane and The First Tee of the Inland Northwest, has taken the lead to carry out site restoration.

Neither The First Tee nor Avista will make use of this newly-constructed road for their planned projects.



Overview of Incident

April 10 and 11, a contractor built a road and removed trees along the bluff on the south hill, below Bernard and north along the bank of Hangman Creek.


The road crosses:

- Parks conservation land
- An Avista utility easement corridor
- Private property

Related Project – 3-Hole Youth Golf Course

- The Park Board was slated to consider approval of a contract with a non-profit group, The First Tee of the Inland Northwest, for a 6-acre 3-hole youth golf course.
- In preparation for the youth course, Urban Forestry issued a permit to The First Tee on January 20 for the removal of trees only on a 6-acre site next to the Qualchan driving range.
- The permit included a map of the site. No road is included.
- A tree removal permit is commonly granted prior to a signed project contract, because it's important to know the project has tree removal permissions before finalizing.

Permit



**CITY OF
SPOKANE PARKS
& RECREATION
URBAN FORESTRY**

Date Submitted: January 20, 2017

Permit Number: 17-006

Public Tree Permit Application

A permit is required for removal, pruning and planting of trees on streets rights-of-way and all public property. All work must be performed by an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist or Certified Tree Worker (SMC 12.02.910).

PLEASE PROVIDE ALL INFORMATION & ALLOW 2 WORKING DAYS FOR PERMIT PROCESSING & RESPONSE

Applicant Information	Project Information
Contact Name: <u>Steve Prugh</u>	Project Name/No.: _____
Organization: <u>The First Tee Inland Northwest</u>	<u>The First Tee at Qualchan</u>
Arborist Cert. No.: <u>Swedberg Contracting</u>	
Phone: <u>509.953.9890 or 509.688.9892</u>	Estimated Start Date: <u>Winter 2016-2017</u>
Fax: _____	Estimated Completion: <u>Summer 2018</u>
Email: <u>info@thefirstteeinlandnw.org</u>	* Date Changes Require Notification
Tree Location	Property Owner Information
Address: <u>*see attached map</u>	Name: <u>City of Spokane Parks & Recreation</u>
<u>Qualchan Golf Course/Hangman Park</u>	Address: _____
Site Placement: <u>6 acres adjacent to, and NE of, the</u>	Phone: _____
<u>Qualchan driving range</u>	

Type or permit(s) requested (check all that apply)

☐ Planting
 ☐ Pruning
 ☒ Removal
 ☐ Root Treatment
 ☐ Tree Protection Zone

Number and type of trees: All reasonable and necessary tree removals for the development and construction of proposed 3-hole project. Preservation and protection of large/significant Ponderosa pine is highly encouraged.

Describe work to be performed: Contractor and developer are required to consult on-site before work begins with City Arborist and/or Urban Forester. Additional consultation meetings are expected throughout the project.

*** Please attach additional information if necessary. Courtesy/Violation (if applicable):** Yes ☐ No ☒

URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM USE ONLY BELOW THIS LINE

Pre-Inspection Date: 1/20/2017 ☒ Approved ☐ Denied

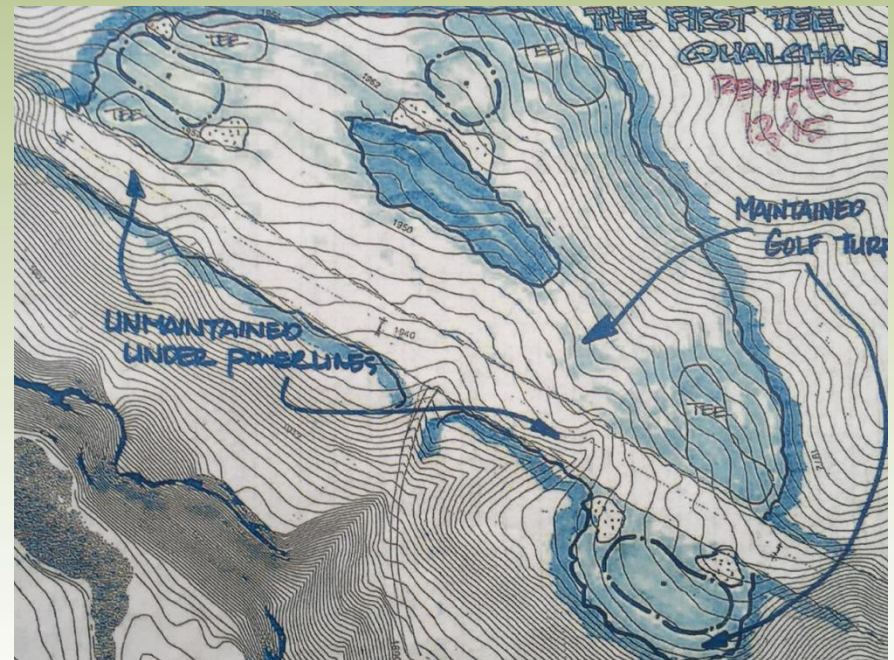
Signature: _____

Recommendations: _____

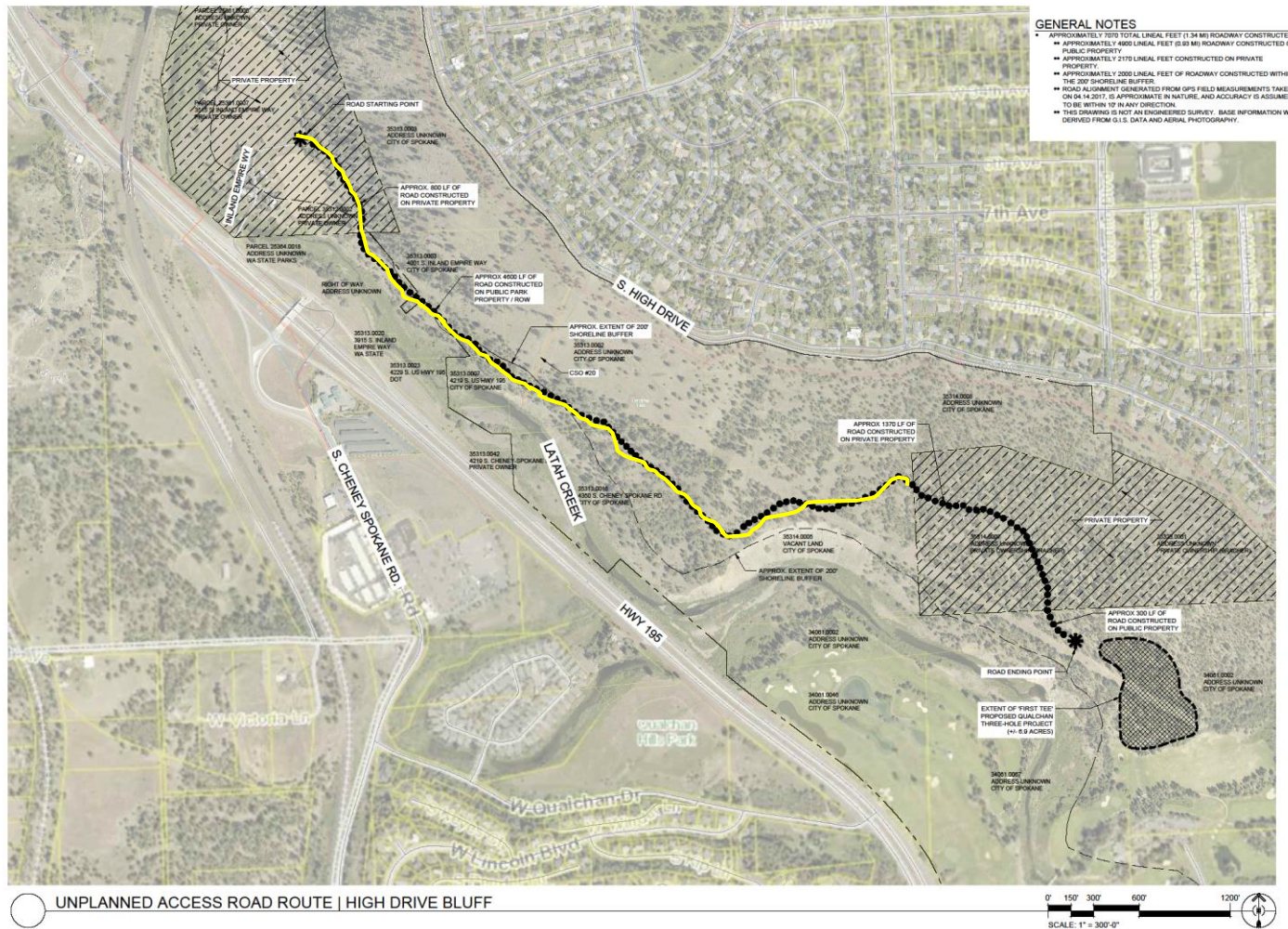
Post-Inspection Date: _____ ☐ Approved ☐ Denied

Signature: _____

Submit Public Tree Permit Application to the Spokane Urban Forestry Program
 808 W Spokane Falls Blvd • Spokane, WA 99201 • Phone: 509.363.5495 • Fax: 509.625.6205
www.SpokaneUrbanForestry.org



Site View



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Interim measures to prevent erosion, further damage and trespass.

- Dept. of Ecology, City Parks and Avista have been on site to assess damage and initiate plan.
- Interim erosion control measures will be in place this week.
- Barricades prevent vehicle traffic.
- Site signage being developed.



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Workgroup of experts and stakeholders to participate in restoration efforts.

- Friends of the Bluff
- Spokane Riverkeeper
- Lands Council
- Dept. of Ecology
- Neighborhood councils

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- Continued outreach to impacted land owners, stakeholders and the broader community.
- First stakeholder meeting will be held next week. For meeting notification email your interest to: BluffRestore@avistacorp.com
- Reach out to us through email: BluffRestore@avistacorp.com
- All parties are committed to improving processes to ensure this doesn't happen again.



Avista's Transmission Project

- Avista plans to complete the transmission upgrade work this fall. This is the final phase of a two-year upgrade project that began in 2016.
- In the next month Avista will announce stake holder meetings allowing public involvement in the planning of the access for this project.

Questions & Comments

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