

**SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**  
**NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND OPTIONAL SEPA COMMENT PERIOD**  
For  
Upper Skagit Indian Tribe  
File # **PLAN2-2025-0014**

Notice is hereby given that on April 1, 2025, the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, c/o Dan Tolliver, filed an Administrative Special Use Permit application (#PLAN2-2025-0014) for the SkagitNet Broadband Extension project. The project proposes to install approximately 4,400 lineal feet of fiber optic cabling within underground, and bridge mounted, conduit between the Sedro-Woolley Innovation for Tomorrow (SWIFT) Center in Sedro-Woolley City Limits and the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe's Helmick Road Reservation. The project will consist of approximately 7 vaults, and additional handholes, and +/- 280 lineal feet of bridge mounted conduit. The new conduit is expected to be installed via a mix of open trenching and directional drilling. The proposed project connects to the existing fiber optic within the City of Sedro-Woolley, and the City unincorporated Urban Growth Area (UGA), located at the SWIFT Center, and extends into unincorporated Skagit County within the Rural Reserve (RRv) and the Urban Reserve Public-Open Space (URP-OS) zoning/comprehensive plan designated areas as indicated in the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan and associated maps. A letter of completeness was not issued and the application was determined to be complete for review purposes on May 20, 2025.

The proposed project is located between the intersection at Helmick Road and Nuwha-Ah Lane and the intersection of Thompson Drive and Northern State Road within the SWIFT Center Campus. Approximately between 225974 Community Plaza Way and 25749 Helmick Road, Sedro-Woolley, within a portion of Section 8, Township 35N, Range 5E W.M., situated within Skagit County, Washington. (between P38653 and P38655).

A complete Administrative Special Use Permit application, Environmental Checklist, site plan, and other application materials are on file with Skagit County Planning and Development Services. This information is available to the public on request. Other governmental approvals or permits required for this proposal from Skagit County Planning and Development Services include, at a minimum: A Public Works Utility Permit.

A decision on the application will be made within 100 days of the date the application was determined complete, which was 5-20-25. A public hearing before the Skagit County Hearing Examiner is not required for this project. Any person desiring to express his or her views or to be notified of the action taken on this application should notify Brandon Black in writing of his or her interest within Fifteen (15) days of the date of publication of this notice which is 5-22-25. Failure to respond within the comment period could result in loss of the right to appeal. The file can be electronically viewed by contacting Planning and Development Services at [PDS@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:PDS@co.skagit.wa.us) or at the Continental Place address and phone number listed below.

Written comments must be received no later than 4:30 pm on: **June 6, 2025.**

*Email correspondence **will not be accepted**; however, comments may be submitted via the PDS website under the "recent legal notices" tab. ([www.skagitcounty.net/pdscomments](http://www.skagitcounty.net/pdscomments))*

The Lead Agency expects to issue a DNS for this proposal and the Optional DNS process is being used (WAC 197-11-355). **This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposal.**

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Transmitted to the Skagit Valley Herald and Mailed to applicant 5-20-25.

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