



Whitman County Economic Development Informational Meeting (EDIM)

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May 13, 2026
11:45 am – 1:30 pm
The Center
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Colfax, WA

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Small Business Development Center

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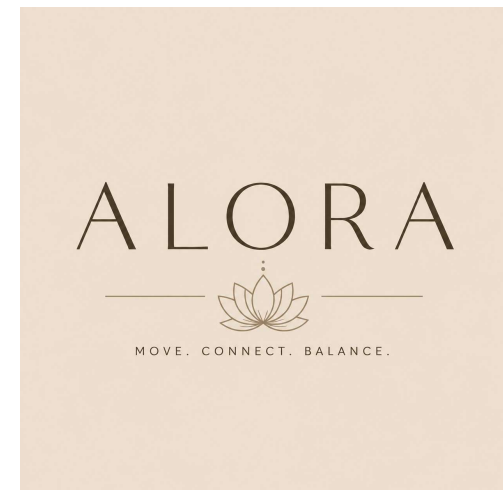
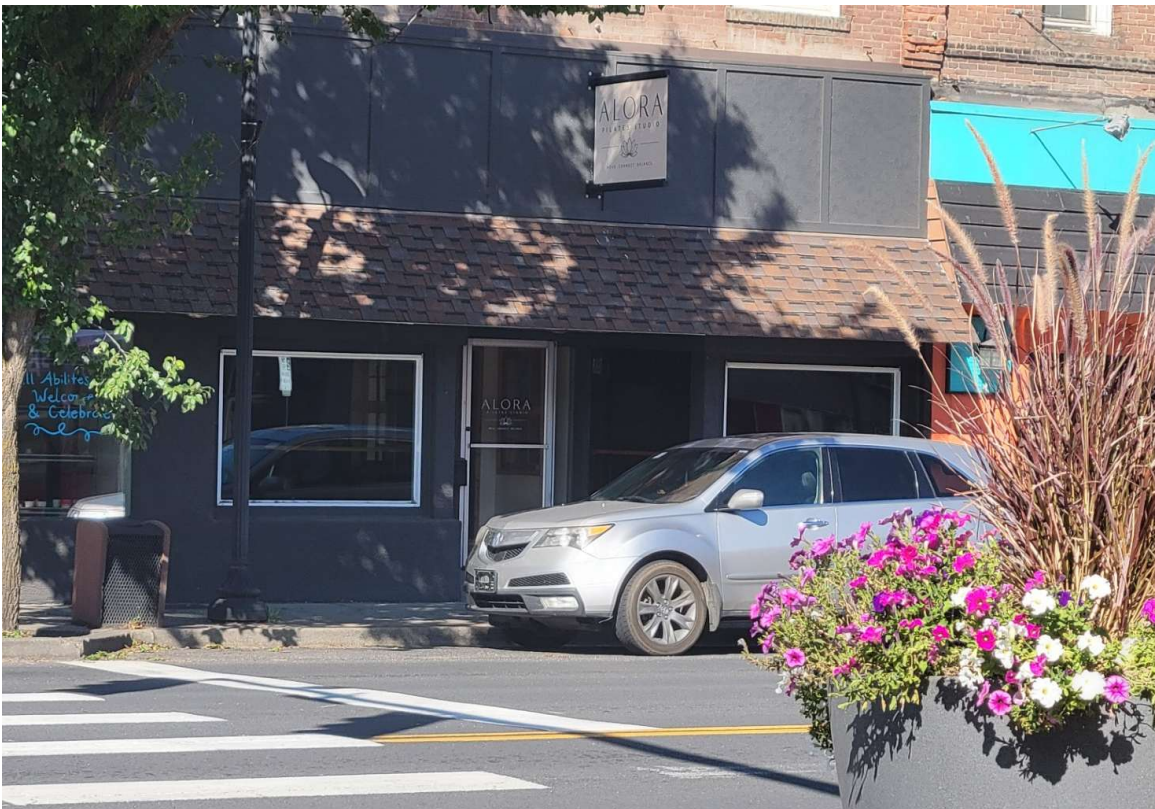


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New Businesses in Whitman County



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Social Media for Businesses Training



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September 23 and 30, 6-8pm

Tekoa Library, 139 S Crosby Street, Tekoa, WA

A two-part series for business owners to learn about utilizing social media marketing for their business, with specific focuses on Meta, Facebook & Instagram. Bring your laptop and your social media logins! Please RSVP to Rebekah at rebekah@portwhitman.com.

Hosted in partnership with the Tekoa Chamber of Commerce at no cost to business owners.

Recent and/or New Business Leads



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DATE	TYPE OF BUSINESS	CRITERIA	BENEFITS	STATUS
April 2026	Manufacturing Project Ellie	75,000 square feet with airport access	FTE: 628 Capital Investment: \$216 million	Commerce submitted site to client.
July 2026	Manufacturing / ICT Project Coldfront	Within 1-hr of international airport, population of 500K+	FTE: 10-50 Capital Investment: \$3M+	No sites meet criteria.
August 2026	Data Center Project Ivory	250 acres, 1GW+ power, 5M gallons water/day	FTE / Capital Investment: unknown	No sites meet criteria.

AGPRO Facility Ribbon Cutting & Grant Award



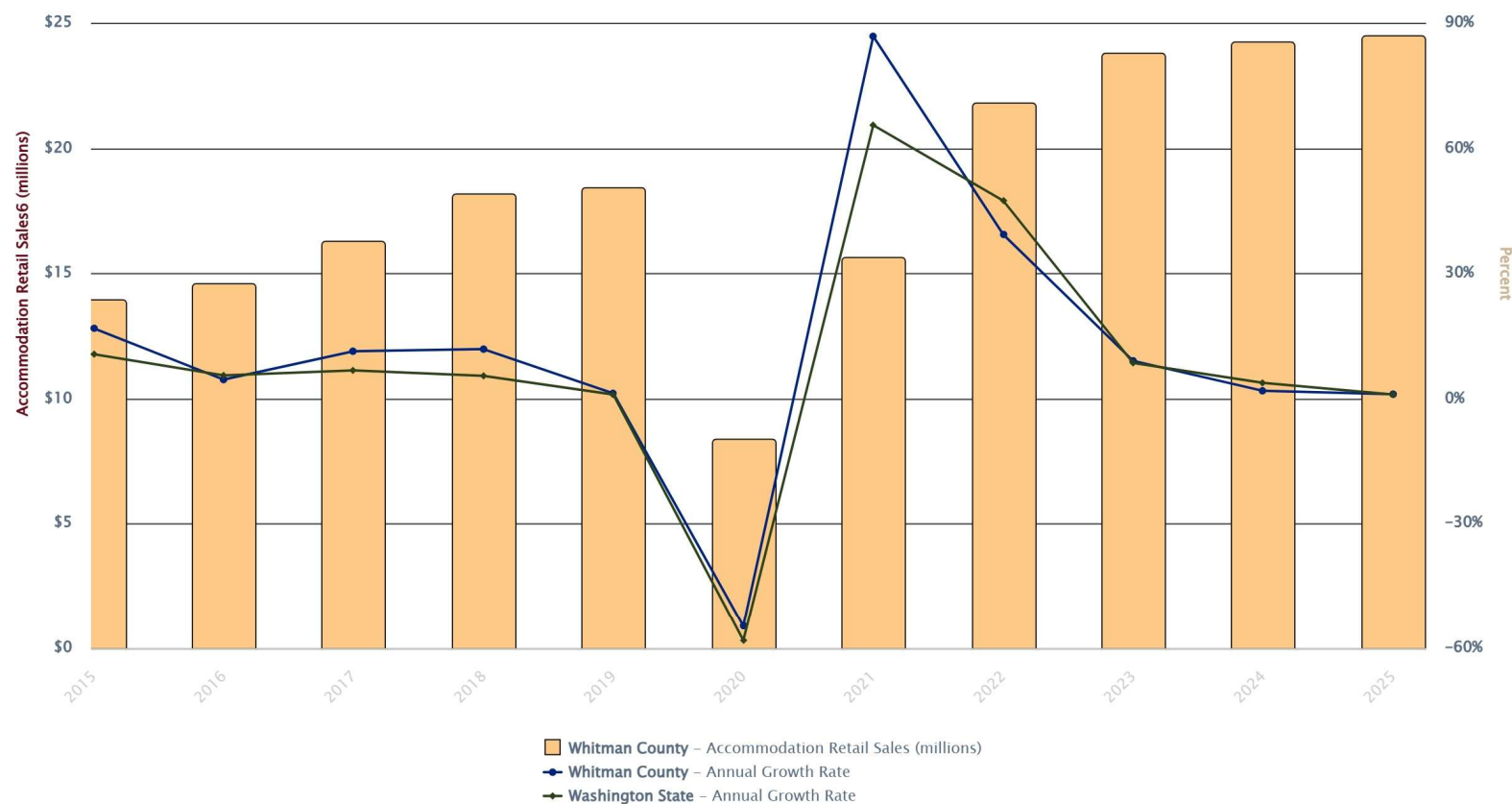
Washington State
Department of
Commerce

Commerce awards \$1 million to encourage innovative business and manufacturing expansion

OLYMPIA, Wash. – The Washington State Department of Commerce announced \$1 million in grant funding to seven businesses and organizations to accelerate manufacturing expansion, creating workforce development and economic opportunities across the state.



Total Accommodation Retail Sales Tax & Annual Growth Rate



This graph was downloaded on 9/15/2026 from www.whitmancountytrends.org

IACC Project Technical Assistance & Scholarships



- IACC Conference
October 20-22, 2026
Wenatchee Convention Center
- Will support conference registration and/or hotel fees
- Towns who haven't attended before and/or are requesting a Tech Team Meeting will get priority for funding

Infrastructure Technical Assistance Request

Use this form to request technical assistance throughout the year. Please share as much information about your infrastructure challenge as possible. Complete information will allow us to bring together the right regulatory, technical, and funding assistance to address your unique challenge.

Jurisdiction/Entity *

County *

Select or enter value

Contact Person *

Phone Number *

Email Address *

Project or System Type *

Select or enter value

Project / Problem

What project or problem is your community working on?

Dark Skies for Conservation and Rural Tourism

James Fillmore, darksky@aranath.net

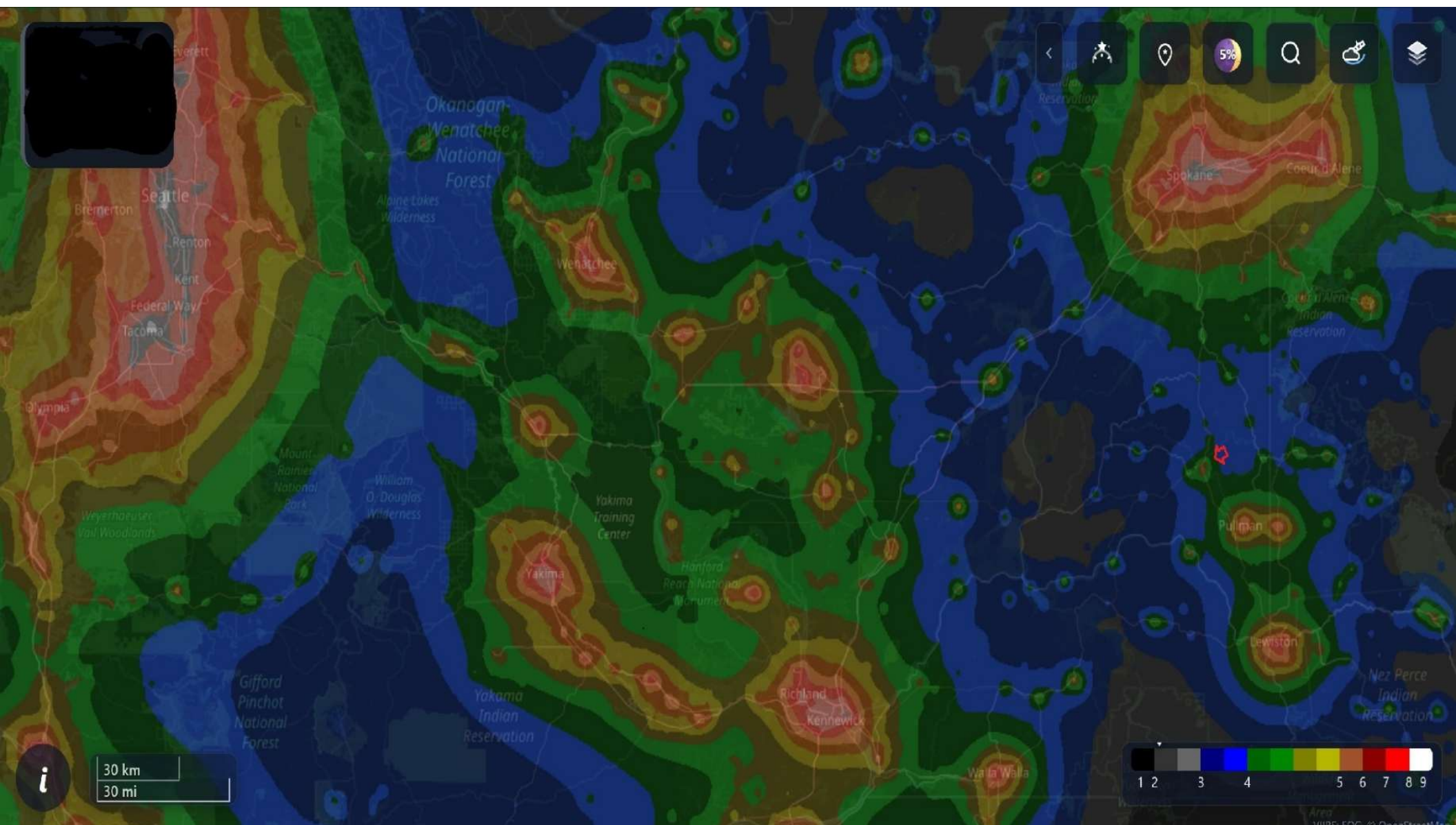
DarkSky International Delegate, Coeur d'Alene



DarkSky
INTERNATIONAL









- 8/9
City/Inner
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Suburban
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Transition
- 3
Rural Sky
- 2
Dark-Sky
Site
- 1
Excellent
Dark-Sky
Site

Five Lighting Principles for Responsible Outdoor Lighting



Responsible outdoor lighting is

1 Useful

Use light only if it is needed

All light should have a clear purpose. Consider how the use of light will impact the area, including wildlife and their habitats.



2 Targeted

Direct light so it falls only where it is needed

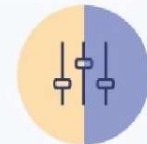
Use shielding and careful aiming to target the direction of the light beam so that it points downward and does not spill beyond where it is needed.



3 Low Level

Light should be no brighter than necessary

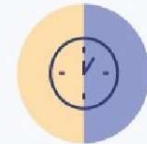
Use the lowest light level required. Be mindful of surface conditions, as some surfaces may reflect more light into the night sky than intended.



4 Controlled

Use light only when it is needed

Use controls such as timers or motion detectors to ensure that light is available when it is needed, dimmed when possible, and turned off when not needed.



5 Warm-colored

Use warmer color lights where possible

Limit the amount of shorter wavelength (blue-violet) light to the least amount needed.



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Light polluted sky

Visible night sky

UNACCEPTABLE

Unshielded

VERY BAD

BAD

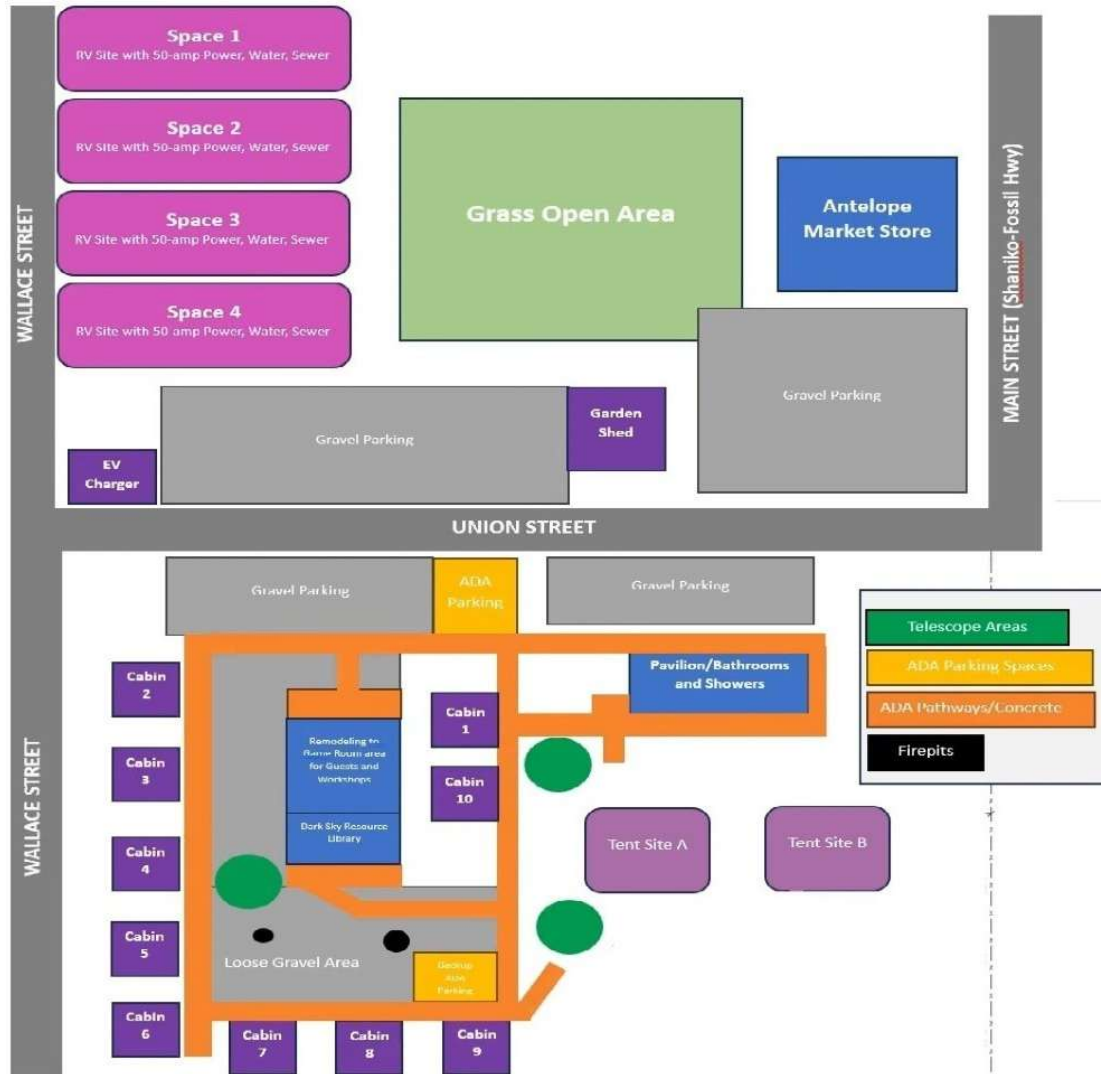
BETTER

Fully shielded

BEST



Fully shielded + timer
or motion sensor



Example of Complete Dark Sky Site in Antelope, Oregon

People for People Community Transportation Services

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Next EDIM: November 18, 2026



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