

# SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

## ***Purpose of checklist:***

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

## ***Instructions for applicants:***

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

## ***Instructions for Lead Agencies:***

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

## ***Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:***

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

## ***A. Background***

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

**Million Dollar Mile North Access Redevelopment**

2. Name of applicant:

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)**

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

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4. Date checklist prepared:

**1/23/2023**

5. Agency requesting checklist:

**WDFW**

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

**Within 5 years of all issued permits. WDFW's anticipated start date for construction is summer 2023 but this is dependant upon receipt of all required permits.**

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

**Not at this time.**

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

**A wetland and Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) delineation was performed on November 17, 2021 and four wetland features were identified in addition to Banks Lake (Wetlands A, B1, B2, and C).**

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

**None are known.**

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

**Project will require county permits, HPA, and federal permits (USACE Clean Water Act 404 permit, Ecology 401 Water Quality Certification, etc.). WDFW is in contact with each agency.**

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

**The proposed project includes replacing one of the two existing gravel boat launches with a new concrete plank boat ramp in the same footprint. The ramp profile and surrounding areas will be re-graded to provide good slope and sufficient water depth for boats to launch. The existing gravel entrance road and gravel parking lot will be asphalt paved, striped, and additional signage will be installed. The existing overflow parking areas will be re-graded and graveled. The existing toilet will be left in place with the addition of a new CXT restroom installed in the center of the parking area near additional clearly marked ADA parking spaces. Barrier rock will be installed to clearly outline the boundaries of the public access area parking lots and boundary fencing will be installed along the entrance road in addition to an entrance gate. An ADA concrete loading ramp will be installed east of the boat launch to provide better ADA accessibility at the site.**

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

**This project is located in the Banks Lakes Wildlife area, approximately 10 miles northeast of Coelee City on the east bank of Banks Lake along HWY 155. Additional location can be found below and on the attached site plans. The site does not have a street address.**

**Grant County, WA  
Section- 18, Township- 26N, Range- 29E  
Lat/Long.- 47.754875°, -119.224986°  
Parcel number: 180892000**

## ***B. Environmental Elements***

### **1. Earth**

a. General description of the site:

(circle one): **Flat**, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other \_\_\_\_\_

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

**10% slope on the boat launch**

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

**According to the NRCS Soil Survey, the soils are Finley very cobbly fine sandy loam (0-15% slopes) and Strat stony loam (0-25% slopes). Neither of these soils are considered prime farmland.**

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

No

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

**The purpose of this project is to complete maintenance of the existing access site so that it can continue to be used by the public as a boat launch into Banks Lake. The proposed project is to replace the existing boat launch with a new boat launch of the same components (concrete planks), in the same footprint. The area around the ramp will be re-graded to accommodate launching. A mitigation plan is currently being developed for this project to offset the impacts below the OHWM within Banks Lake. In addition to the work below OHWM, the access road and a portion of the gravel lot will be re-graded and paved. A complete list of cut and fill figures can be found on sheet 5 of the attached drawings.**

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. **Erosion could occur as a result of construction activities. Best Management Practices (BMB's) will be employed including straw wattles to ensure that erosion is minimized. A portion of the project will also involve planting willows along a portion of the bank in order to prevent further erosion.**

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

**The project will not result in new impervious surface as the area being regraded and paved is already impervious.**

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

**Straw wattles will be used to prevent potential erosion near the boat launch. Additionally, the ramp replacement will be coordinated with the Bureau of Reclamations' drawdown of the lake from elevation 1570' to 1565', which would allow all in-water work to take place at the lowest possible water levels (likely the ramp will be replaced completely in the dry).**

## **2. Air**

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

**Air emissions from heavy equipment will increase during construction of the project.**

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

No.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

**Standard emission control converters and mufflers will be used by construction equipment and vehicles.**

## **3. Water**

a. Surface Water:

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.  
**The boat launch which will be replaced is located within Banks Lake. In addition to this feature, four wetland features were identified within the project vicinity (Wetland A, Wetland B1, Wetland B2, and Wetland C). Wetlands A, B1, and C are lacustrine fringe features with a Wetland Rating of Category II and Wetland B2 is a depressional feature formed at the outfall of a culvert with a Wetland Rating of Category III. Finally, there is a drainage feature that receives seasonal flow from Lower Lewis Creek (on the other side of Highway 155) and feeds into Wetland A. The DNR FPA Mapping Tool lists this feature as an intermittent section of Lower Lewis Creek with a classification of U (unknown).**
  
- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.  
**Yes, this project will require work below the OHWM of Banks Lake to replace the boat ramp and re-grade the channel adjacent to the ramp to facilitate launching. While the boat ramp is being replaced within the same location and will result in a slight reduction (142 SF) in the ramp's footprint, the channel regrading will result in 3,460 SF of new impacts, resulting in a net increase of 3,318 SF of impacts below OHWM requiring mitigation. The regrading and paving of portions of the parking area will also occur within 200 feet of the OHWM of Banks Lake, as well as within 200 feet of Wetlands B1, B2, and C. However, all regrading work within the parking area will occur on existing impervious surface and therefore will not result in wetland buffer impacts.**
  
- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.  
**A total of 627.7 cubic yards (CY) will be removed from below the OHWM of Banks Lake in the form of existing soil and gravel from the ramp (127.7 CY) and the substrate of Banks Lake for the channel re-grading (545 CY). A total of 47.27 CY will be replaced as new fill for those concrete planks, articulated concrete mat, and the crush rock base for the new boat ramp. The only fill being placed below the OHWM of Banks lake will be in the form of ramp components which will be fabricated by WDFW and crushed rock which will be sourced locally.**
  
- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.  
**No, this project will not result in surface water withdrawals or diversions, though WDFW is coordinating with the Bureau of Reclamation to time construction activities with their scheduled drawdown of Banks Lake to reduce the amount of water within the area (it is anticipated that all work below the OHWM of Banks Lake will occur in the dry).**
  
- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.  
**Yes, according to FEMA Firm Map 53025C0125C, effective 2/17/2009, the boat ramp and approximately half of the parking area is within the flood zone A (1% annual chance flood hazard).**

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

**None are anticipated.**

b. Ground Water:

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

**No groundwater will be withdrawn as a result of this project.**

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

**A new Gunnison CXT vault toilet will be installed as a part of the project and will serve the public utilizing the access area. Specifications of the vault toilet can be found on sheet 14 of the attached plan set.**

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

**The proposed project will not change how stormwater is dispersed from the project site. BMP's will be used for stormwater management during construction.**

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

**Waste materials could enter surface waters from vehicles using the parking lot. Typical waste materials include fuel, oil and other fluids found in cars and boats.**

- 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

**No, the proposal would not alter the drainage patterns of the site.**

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

**The proposed project will not impact drainage patterns or ground water. The proposed project will not increase the amount of runoff as there is no increase in footprint of the parking lot capturing the water.**

#### 4. **Plants**

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

shrubs: **Big Sagebrush, Willow**

grass: **Reed Canarygrass**

pasture

crop or grain

Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.

wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other

water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other

other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

**No vegetation will be removed or altered as a result of the project, however additional willows will be planted to stabilize a portion of the bank. Further plantings are being evaluated as a mitigation plan.**

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

**Per the USFWS Information Planning and Consultation Tool (IPaC), there are no federally protected plants known to be on or near the site. Additionally, the WDFW Priority Habitats and Species (PHS) Mapper did not identify any state protected plants on or near the site.**

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

**Approximately 1,042 SF of the bank will be stabilized by planting willows. Additional mitigation plantings on site are also being evaluated in an effort to offset the impacts to Banks Lake.**

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

**Reed Canarygrass has been identified as a dominant species within several of the wetlands onsite.**

#### 5. **Animals**

a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include:

birds: **hawk**, heron, **eagle**, **songbirds**, **other**: Greater Sage Grouse

mammals: **deer**, bear, elk, beaver, **other**:

fish: **bass**, **salmon**, **trout**, herring, shellfish, **other**: Walleye

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

**Per the USFWS Information Planning and Consultation Tool (IPaC), the federally threatened Yellow-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*) and the candidate species Monarch Butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*) are listed as potentially occurring within the project vicinity.**

**Additionally, the WDFW Priority Habitats and Species (PHS) Mapper lists the state threatened Greater Sage-Grouse (*Centrocercus urophasianus*) and the state candidate California Floater (*Anodonta californiensis*) as occurring within the area. Finally, the PHS Mapper lists the Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*), which is federally protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, as occurring within the area.**

**The project is unlikely to effect either of the federally protected species, as the Yellow-billed Cuckoo is considered functionally extirpated from the state of Washington, the site is lacking in milkweed, an essential food source for the monarch butterfly. The site provides appropriate habitat for the Golden Eagle and Greater Sage Grouse, however these species are extremely likely to avoid the area during constructing and may continue to utilize the site upon project completion. The California Floater will not be impacted, as work will coincide with the drawdown of the lake and will occur in the dry. If in-water work is required, the area will be isolated and de-fished prior to work and turbidity standards will be followed to ensure that there is no effect to species.**

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

**The entirety of Eastern Washington is considered part of the migration route for the Monarch Butterfly, however due to the lack of milkweed at the site and the relatively low numbers of Monarchs identified within the state in recent years, it is highly unlikely that this specific site is being utilized as part of this migration.**

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

**None proposed, however mitigation options are currently being discussed to offset the impacts to Banks Lake.**

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

**The non-native Walleye has been introduced into Banks Lake, however it is currently not classified as invasive.**

## **6. Energy and Natural Resources**

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

**The machinery that will be used in the construction will require use of diesel fuel to complete the work.**

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties?

If so, generally describe.

**The adjacent properties are also owned by WDFW and comprise the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area. The proposed project will not impact the potential use of solar energy on adjacent properties.**



- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal?  
List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

**No energy conservation features are included in this proposal.**

## **7. Environmental Health**

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

**Fuel spills or vehicle/machinery leaks are possible. The risk of a spill or leak is not likely and spill kits are available at the project site if a spill should occur. Fueling of vehicles and machinery is completed upland and away from the water body. All equipment working in or below the high tide line or ordinary high water mark will have nontoxic biodegradable vegetable oil.**

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

**None is known**

- 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

**There are no known underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located in the project area.**

- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

**None anticipated.**

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

**None anticipated.**

- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

**Fueling of vehicles and machinery is completed upland and away from the water body to prevent any source of fuel from entering surface waters. A spill kit will be available on site in the event of an accidental spill.**

### **b. Noise**

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

**There are no noises generated in the surrounding area that would affect this project.**

- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

**Construction noise would occur during the hours of 7am to 5pm.**

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

**No measures are proposed**

## 8. Land and Shoreline Use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

**The site is currently used as a public access site for recreational opportunities on Banks Lake including boating and kayaking. The proposed project is a repair and maintenance project that will rehabilitate the existing infrastructure but will not change the usage of the site.**

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

**The proposed site has not been used as working farmlands.**

- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

**No, the proposed project will not affect or be affected by any surrounding working farms or Forest land normal business operations. The adjacent properties to the project site are Wildlife areas owned by WDFW and are not farmed or forested.**

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

- 1. TwobBoat ramps (one of which is being replaced)**
- 2. Restroom- will be replaced with a Gunnison CXT vault toilet**
- 3. Gravel parking lot that will be partially re-graded and paved**

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

**The existing restroom facility will be demolished and replaced with one of similar size and capacity.**

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

**Public Open Space**

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

**Public Open Space**

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

**Natural**

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.  
**Yes, Banks Lake and the four wetlands identified onsite (Wetlands A, B1, B2, and C) are all critical areas.**

- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

**None.**

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

**None.**

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

**None required.**

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

**The access site has been in place for several years and the proposed project does not substantially change the use. The majority of the project will occur within the existing footprint with the exception of the channel that will be regraded to accommodate launching within Banks Lake. The proposed project is compatible with existing and project land use of the site.**

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

**None proposed.**

## **9. Housing**

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

**None**

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

**None**

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

**N/A**

## **10. Aesthetics**

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

**The CXT restroom will be approximately 12 ft tall. The principal exterior building material is a barwood texture with a cedar shake roof.**

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

**None.**

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

**None proposed.**

## **11. Light and Glare**

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

**The proposal will not result in any light or glare.**

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

**No**

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

**No offsite sources of light or glare will affect this proposal**

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

**No measures are proposed.**

## **12. Recreation**

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

**This access site is a boat launch into Banks Lake and provides opportunities for fishing, kayaking, and other water activities.**

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

**No, the project intends to enhance recreational uses.**

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

**None proposed.**

## **13. Historic and cultural preservation**

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.

**A total of 37 archaeological resources, including 24 pre contact archaeological sites, seven pre contact isolated finds, three historic sites, and three historic isolates have been documented within one mile of the proposed access improvements and mitigation areas. One of the pre contact sites was evaluated and listed on the Washington Heritage Register (Masten 1989), two of the historic sites (The Sanitary Site and Grand Coulee Dam Construction Railroad Grade [Northern Portion]) have been recommended potentially eligible for National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) listing (Komen and Ives 2013; Seymour 2000), and the remaining resources have not been evaluated for state or national register listing. None of the documented resources are located within the proposed project area of potential impacts**

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

**There are currently no know landmarks, features, or other evidence of Native American activities recorded within the Million Dollar Mile access improvement area of potential impacts; however, archaeological resources have been identified within the draw down area along the margins of Banks Lake, and on the adjacent uplands in the vicinity of the proposed access improvement and potential mitigation areas.**

**The results of cultural resource investigations conducted within one mile of the proposed project areas prior to 2022 have been reported by Engseth (2003), Galm and Gough (2006), Schlegel (2010), Trinity (2010), and Covington (2015). None of the investigations conducted prior to 2022 appear to have assessed the proposed area of potential impacts for the proposed access improvements area or potential mitigation areas considered for this project. In 2022, WDFW archaeologists conducted a pedestrian survey of the proposed access improvement area, and a WDFW archaeologist conducted a second pedestrian survey of the proposed mitigation areas in January 2023 (Smith 2023). Two precontact isolated finds were identified during the 2022 survey outside of the proposed access improvements project area of potential impacts, and no archaeological resources were identified within the proposed mitigation areas. A report describing the results of the WDFW archaeological investigations conducted in 2022 and 2023 is currently in production**

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

**In accordance with the provisions of the Governor’s Executive Order 21-02, in April 2022, WDFW submitted requests to initiate consultation with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, the Spokane Tribe, and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation. In May 2022, a WDFW CAMP archaeologist met with an archaeologist from the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation at the Million Dollar Mile access area and reviewed the proposed project elements and activity areas. WDFW then conducted a pedestrian survey of the proposed access area improvements area of potential impacts and recommended that subsurface testing be conducted in areas where ground disturbing activities would extend below the level of the existing parking lot fill and in areas with dense surface vegetation coverage. The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation concurred with WDFW subsurface testing recommendations, and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation requested a copy of the WDFW archaeological survey report describing the results of the pedestrian survey and any subsurface testing. By December 2022, WDFW had developed a project design that illustrated the location and extent of ground disturbing activities at within the access area improvements area of potential impacts, and two potential mitigation areas along two, 2-track road segments located less than 1 mile south of the Million Dollar Mile access area. In January 2023, a WDFW archaeologist visited the project area and conducted a pedestrian survey of the proposed mitigation areas.**

Mineral soils were visible along over 80 percent of the 2-track roads and no additional archaeological resources were identified during this investigation. WDFW is currently preparing a report that will present the results of the pedestrian surveys and is planning to conduct subsurface testing at the location of the new proposed toilet facilities within the existing parking area to sample natural sediments beneath the parking lot fill. The subsurface testing will be completed in the spring of 2023, once field conditions are conducive to subsurface investigations and the results of the subsurface testing will be integrated into the final version of the survey report that will be distributed to the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Reservation, and the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) for review. If necessary, WDFW will continue to coordinate with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Reservation, and DAHP to identify and assess potential impacts to cultural resources within the proposed area of potential impacts for this project

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

**If no archaeological resources are identified during subsurface testing within the project area, WDFW proposes to monitor removal of fill material within the existing parking area, and excavation necessary to install the proposed toilet and boat ramp facilities under the provisions of a monitoring and inadvertent discovery plan that has been prepared for this project.**

#### **14. Transportation**

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.  
**This access site is located off of Highway 155. Drawings show access to the site in the vicinity map.**
- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?  
**The site is not currently served by public transit. The nearest public transit stop is approximately 30 miles south in Soap Lake.**
- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?  
**The project will not change the number of parking spaces currently existing at the site.**
- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).  
**The project will involve paving the access road from Highway 155 to the site (it is currently gravel).**

- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.  
**The proposed project will not use or occur in the immediate vicinity of water, rail or air transportation.**
- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?  
**The improved facilities at the access area may increase the number of vehicular trips by a small degree; however, this is a rural location and is unlikely to see a substantial increase in traffic.**
- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.  
**The proposal will not impact the movement of agriculture and forest products on roads or streets in the area.**
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:  
**No measures are proposed as no impacts to transportation are anticipated from the proposed project.**

### **15. Public Services**

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.  
**The proposed project will not result in an increased need for public services. The proposed project is to renovate but not expand the existing access site.**
- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.  
**No measures are proposed because direct impacts to public services are not anticipated.**

### **16. Utilities**

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:  
 electricity, natural gas, water, **refuse service**, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,  
 other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.  
**No utilities are proposed for the project.**

### **C. Signature**

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: *P. Frank Stevick*

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