



WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE
November 16, 1999

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Name of Proposal: CLEVELAND MINE TAILINGS RECLAMATION

Description of Proposal: The proposed project plans to divert a 2 cfs stream away from its current route through highly toxic mine tailings located in two 50-year-old impoundments used by the Cleveland Mine. A permanent lined stream channel would be constructed on the south edge of both ponds. Existing tailings would be moved back from the new channel. In addition, a new aluminum box culvert would be installed on the old county road crossing at Hunters Creek to provide access to the site. This culvert would replace two small culverts that currently prevent fish passage and contribute sediment load during high runoff when the fill washes out.

Proponent: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, North 1103 Fancher Road, Spokane, Washington 99212. Contact: Joel "Jake" Jakobosky, Hazardous Materials Specialist.

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Below the Cleveland Mine, on a Tributary to Hunters Creek, eight air miles east of Hunters, Washington, Stevens County; NW 1/4 of Section 09, Township 30 North, Range 38 East WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

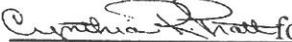
This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **November 15, 1999**

Responsible Official: Peter Birch

Position/Title: Environmental Services Division Manager

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e-mail: prattcrp@dfw.wa.gov if you have questions or comments about this determination.

DATE OF ISSUE: November 1, 1999 **SIGNATURE:**  for Peter Birch