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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Name of Proposal: SOUTH FORK COWICHE CREEK FISH PASSAGE PROJECT

Description of Proposal: A temporary stream bypass will be constructed using clean, washed gravel and /or sand bags and plastic sheeting. The upstream cofferdam will fully span the active stream channel above the current crossing structure. A temporary bypass channel or pipe will release the flow into the nearest riffle below the downstream end of the area in which in-stream work is to be performed. The objective of the bypass will be to totally isolate the work area from moving water, while maintaining stream flow past the work area to the lower portion of the stream. During the dewatering of the work site, some fish are likely to become trapped within the work area, and will be netted and released downstream of the project site as the site is de-watered. The bypass will remain in place during the bed and bank re-grade, and installation of cross-vanes.

Proponent: North Yakima Conservation District (NYCD and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: The current crossing structure lies on the South Fork of Cowiche Creek, along Cowiche Mill Road, approximately ¼ mile above Summitview Road. Cowiche Creek is a right bank tributary to the Lower Yakima River. WRIA 38, Washington, Yakima County; Section 04, Township 13 North, Range 17 EastWM

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: **July 23, 2004**

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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DATE OF ISSUE: July 9, 2004 **SIGNATURE:** 

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