



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE
October 5, 2004**

State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Name of Proposal: YAKIMA SIDE CHANNEL IMPROVEMENT

Description of Proposal: This is a collaborative project between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and a private landowner, to provide improved habitat for juvenile anadromous fish. Work involves deepening an existing side channel of the Yakima River so that it flows year-round and provides cover and pools of sufficient depth for winter rearing. Work will be done with a trackhoe and/or a walking excavator. Excavated material shall be disposed of in an upland area in a manner that does not alter flood flows nor contributes silt to the river.

Proponent: USDI Bureau of Land Management, 915 Walla Walla Street, Wenatchee, Washington 98801

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: 121 Yakima Canyon Road, South of Ellensburg, Washington, Kittitas County; Section 06, Township 16 North, Range 19 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: **October 04, 2004**

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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DATE OF ISSUE: September 20, 2004

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