



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE
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DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Name of Proposal: LESH DITCH GRAVITY SCREEN AND BARRIER REMOVAL

Description of Proposal: The project will consist of the following:

1. Worksite Isolation- The diversion to be screened is located on a side channel of Ahtanum Creek. A temporary cofferdam will be constructed using clean, washed gravel, ecology blocks and/or sand bags and plastic sheeting. The upstream cofferdam will fully span the upstream end of the secondary stream channel, above the existing check structure, and plastic sheeting will be used as an upstream apron to minimize infiltration from the creek into the side channel. The objective of the cofferdam will be to totally isolate the work area within the side channel from moving water during construction, while maintaining stream flow through the main stem of Ahtanum Creek
2. Create access ramp to side channel (north bank only)
3. Dam removal
4. Streambed re-grade (Constructed riffle)
5. Screen installation
6. Bank armoring
7. Remove temporary cofferdam
8. Bank revegetation

Proponent:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: This unscreened diversion lies adjacent to the property located at 22020 Ahtanum Road, approximately 23.7 miles upstream from the confluence with the Yakima River and 0.6 miles downstream of the South and North Fork

confluence. Ahtanum Creek is a right bank tributary to the Lower Yakima River, entering at River Mile 106.9., Washington, Yakima County; Section 17, Township 12 North, Range 16 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: June 06, 2005

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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DATE OF ISSUE: May 23, 2005 **SIGNATURE:** 

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