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Name of Proposal: MCDONALD ROAD DIKE REMOVAL

Description of Proposal: The McDonald Road Dike Removal Project is the removal of approximately 825 linear feet of rock dike along the Southeast margin of the Walla Walla River to improve floodplain connectivity. The dike is an average 50 feet wide and therefore the project will affect a little more than one acre of the property. An excavator will be used to remove the large rock dike and the rock will be hauled away. There is little vegetation on the dike, but we feel removal of the dike will promote natural revegetation in the project area. Some native bunch grasses will be planted to reduce erosion and weed proliferation, believing a natural succession of local plants will develop.

Proponent: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), Army Corps of Engineers, and The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. PO Box 456 Walla Walla, WA 99362- Project Contact: Dave Karl (509) 527-4138

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Walla Walla Valley, Washington, Walla Walla County; North West ¼ of Section 34, Township 07 North, Range 34 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: **July 11, 2005**

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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DATE OF ISSUE: June 27, 2005

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