



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE
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Name of Proposal: WAITTS LAKE ACCESS AREA IMPROVEMENTS

Description of Proposal: The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) plans to make improvements to the restroom, boat launch and parking at Waitts Lake Access Area, a 455-acre lake 30 miles south of Colville. Project work will include the following: 1) remove two old outhouses and install a new single accessible vault toilet; 2) remove the old boat ramp, eliminating prop wash hole and berm that has accumulated from prop wash at the end of the old ramp; 3) install new ramp, extending it 12 feet (3 planks) to eliminate prop wash hole; 4) install a new ADA boarding platform with a gangway that attaches the dock to the land- neither the floating dock nor gangway will touch the lake bottom and the float will be anchored to two eight-inch diameter pilings driven into the lake bottom; 5) resurface existing asphalt parking area; 6) install new asphalt parking area and stripe; 7) install wall/curb at pavement/beach edge; 8) relocate barrier rock; 9) install grassy swale stormwater treatment area; 10) remove bollards and replace them with guardrail at entrance; 11) install new gate; 12) remove large willows (hazard trees) and replace with native poplar trees; and 13) replace existing fence with new 6 foot slatted fence.

Best Management Practices (BMPs)

1. In water work will take place during approved in-water work window of June 10- April 01 as specified by the Hydraulics Project Approval permit.
2. A silt curtain will be installed in the lake around the "in-water" work area and remain until in "in-water" work is completed. The silt curtain will extend from the water surface to the lakebed to contain turbidity created by the work in the water. The silt curtain will be removed from the lake no less than 24 hours after the ramp is completed to allow, turbidity to settle.
3. A single staging area will be the existing parking area above the boat launch. Construction equipment will be kept clean and free of leaks, and will be checked daily for leaks or accumulation of oil or grease.

Proponent:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: The current proposal is located 7.0 miles southwest of Chewelah off of Waitts Lake Road on the southeast side of Waitts Lake, Washington, Stevens County; 1/4 of Section 20, Township 31 North, Range 40 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: December 28, 2005

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DATE OF ISSUE: December 14, 2005 **SIGNATURE:**



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