



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE**
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Name of Proposal: SINLAHEKIN MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Description of Proposal: This project will provide the first of several improved pedestrian trails on the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area giving access to hunters, hikers, fisherman and anyone who enjoys viewing nature. Much of the proposed works' design is influenced by ADA needs. Overall, this proposal would contribute to recreational opportunities in Okanogan County. Approximately eight miles of trails will be prepared in phase 1 and 2; most of these trails will be within two hundred feet of a lake, creek or river.

Activity 1 Phase 1 Trail---Forde to Conners Lake

No fill material will be used to construct the trails. However, 1500 feet at 5' wide by 2" thick = 50cy of "paving" material will be used for ADA access located on existing gravel road and graveled areas.

Activity 2 Phase 2 Trail---Blue Lake Trail

At Blue Lake: a 40' footbridge and 25' of boardwalk is proposed as the trail continues south. Two 24" culverts (or alternative bridging or boardwalk) will be placed at ephemeral washes along the proposed trail. The total length of the trail will equal 39,560 linear feet. New trail over existing gravel or dirt roads will equal approximately 13,000 linear feet. New trail over existing dirt path will equal approximately 1,800 linear feet. Trail over access road will equal approximately 6,925 linear feet. New paved ADA trail on existing gravel road will equal approximately 900 linear feet. Trail over access road will equal approximately 6,925 linear feet. Boardwalks and bridges will equal approximately 65 linear feet.

Activity 3 Conners Lake Recreational Improvements

At Conners Lake: a viewing stand (8'x8' covered concrete pad); a fishing dock that will extend 12-feet over the water and include two 10-inch diameter piles; replace fiberglass privy with a concrete vault privy in the same foot print with an ADA parking spot, all accessible on ADA standard trail. The Conners Lake portion of the project consists of blocking off an existing road and creating ADA trails along the existing road. ADA trails will be 5 feet wide and made of crushed gravel. Trails will access a new wildlife viewing hut at the edge of the lake and a fishing pier which would extend approximately 12 feet into the lake, and be supported on piles.

Activity 4—Bridge Decking Replacement at Wildlife Headquarters

At Sinlahekin Headquarters, the access bridge, 16' long by 17' wide is to be resurfaced. Wood decking will be replaced with similar wood decking

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Sinlahekin Wildlife Area, Washington, Okanogan County; Section 35, Township 36 North, Range 25 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: **February 22, 2006**

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DATE OF ISSUE: February 8, 2006 **SIGNATURE:** 

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