



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

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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

**Name of Proposal:** SOUTH FORK COWICHE CREEK FISH PASSAGE PROJECT (UPPER LUST)

**Description of Proposal:** Currently the proposed project site has an unscreened gravity diversion and a dam that serves as a partial adult and full juvenile fish passage barrier during low flows. The proposed project will abandon the gravity diversion and hook up the water users to a different pressurized system. In addition, the dam will be removed and the associated concrete. Four rock weirs will be installed to serve as grade controls and enable fish passage upstream of the current barrier and provide access to valuable salmonid spawning and rearing habitat in the upper watershed. The Upper Lust barrier is the last full barrier in the watershed.

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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** The current crossing structure lies on the South Fork of Cowiche Creek, along Cowiche Mill Road, approximately 1/4 mile above Summitview Road. Cowiche Creek is a right bank tributary to the Naches River, Yakima, Washington, Yakima County; Section 04, Township 13 North, Range 17 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 23, 2006**

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