



**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: SCOTCH CREEK WILDLIFE AREA RIPARIAN RESTORATION

Description of Proposal: Re-establish proper hydrology to historic channel conditions on Scotch Creek, and restore riparian vegetation by reintroducing native woody plants (Sharp-tailed grouse winter habitat). Specifically project will excavate a meandering channel to mimic natural conditions in a low gradient meadow and plant native shrubs and trees to increase winter habitat for Sharp-tailed grouse. Additionally project will attempt to eradicate the invasive grass species, Reed Canary Grass, and establish native upland vegetation.

Proponent: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Mr. Jim Olson, 1514 Conconully Highway, Okanogan, Washington 98840

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Scotch Creek Wildlife Area, Washington, Okanogan County; N.W.1/4 of Section 22, Township 35 North, Range 25 EastWM

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 05, 2007**

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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DATE OF ISSUE: January 22, 2007

SIGNATURE:

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