



State of Washington

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** DREDGING OF BURBANK PUMPING PLANTS NO.2 AND 3  
APPROACH CHANNELS

**Description of Proposal:** The South Columbia Basin Irrigation District proposes to dredge the original approach channel of Burbank Pumping plant No.2 between the boat launch and the fish screens to an elevation of 332 feet from the current minimum elevation of 335 feet within Casey Pond. The channel will be cleaned of sediments which have filled the original channel. The sides will be sloped to a 1:5:1 slope to restore the channel to the originally constructed prism as shown in the design specifications. An Operation and Maintenance road will be constructed on the west side of the channel as part of the project. A by-pass will be constructed around the existing boat launch ramp. Excess riprap will be removed and the banks sloped to a 1:5:1 slope as needed to restore flow at low water levels.

The District has also proposed to dredge the original approach channel and canal to Burbank Pumping Plant Number 3 to an elevation of 332 from the current minimum elevation of 334.5 feet within Casey Pond. From the SR 12 Bridge, the canal will be reshaped from the current prism back to the original constructed prism as shown in the design specifications. Cofferdams, a filtration dike and an Operation and Maintenance road will be constructed as part of the project.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Bureau of Reclamation, Bruce Loranger, PO Box 815, Ephrata, WA  
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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Casey Pond of the McNary Wildlife Refuge, Washington, Walla Walla County; NE 1/4 of Section 20, Township 08 North, Range 31 East WM

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will have no probable significant adverse impacts on the environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). We made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after review of the environmental checklist and other information on file with us. This information is available to the public on request.

Agencies, affected tribes and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal.

We issued this DNS under WAC 197-11-340(2). We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date of issuance of this DNS. If you have comments about this DNS or this proposal, we must receive your comments by **October 03, 2007**.

When you send us your comments, please provide the name of proposal in your comment letter and mail it to:

**Responsible Official:** Teresa A. Eturaspe

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You can also send your comments via email to: [SEPAdesk@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk@dfw.wa.gov)

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If you have questions about this action, please contact:

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