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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: MATTOON AND FIO RITO LAKES INTEGRATED VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Description of Proposal:

WDFW will control and prevent re-infestation of three aquatic noxious weeds threatening Mattoon Lake, a former 26-acre gravel pit, in Kittitas County. The herbicides proposed for use have gone through an EPA and WSDA registration process and Ecology has approved the products for aquatic applications under the NPDES permit. Eurasian watermilfoil is the highest priority with the goal of eradication. Purple loosestrife and yellow flag iris will also have control strategies implemented with the ultimate goal of eradication from the Mattoon Lake area.

WDFW will control and prevent re-infestation of three aquatic noxious weeds threatening Fio Rito Lakes, which were former gravel pits (north lake 38-acres & south lake 25-acres), in Kittitas County. The herbicides proposed for use have gone through an EPA and WSDA registration process and Ecology has approved the products for aquatic applications under the NPDES permit. Eurasian watermilfoil is the highest priority with the goal of eradication. Purple loosestrife and yellow flag iris will also have control strategies implemented with the ultimate goal of eradication from the Fio Rito Lakes area.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Mattoon Lake is located near the town of Ellensburg in Kittitas County (T17N R18E sec 11). This 26 acre lake is relatively shallow, with a maximum depth of about four meters. It is a former gravel pit created when I-90 was constructed and is now owned entirely by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

North and South Fio Rito Lake are located along Interstate 82 approximately five kilometers south of Ellensburg, Washington, in Kittitas County (T17 R19 sections 19 and 30). The two lakes were the result of gravel mining operations during the construction of Interstate 82 in the early 1970's. The northern lake is 38 acres and the southern lake 25 acres in size respectively., Washington. EastWM

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

WDFW has determined that this proposal likely will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us. If you want to review this information, please contact WDFW at the address below.

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

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. If you have comments about this DNS or the proposal, you must send your comments to us so that we receive them within 14 days. This means we must receive your comments by **May 20, 2008**.

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

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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You can also send your comments via email to SEPAdesk@dfw.wa.gov, or via fax to (360) 902-2946.

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

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Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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