



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** SCOTCH CREEK COULEE CREEK TRAIL SYSTEM

**Description of Proposal:** Proposal to build trailheads at Fish Lake on the north and at the Hess Lake access point on the south and improve or build sections of trail to connect these two areas. Both trail heads are located at existing and unimproved success areas on the Sinlahekin and Scotch Creek Wildlife Area lands. Portions of the 7.5 mile trail will need turnpikes, and clearing and grubbing. The primary use of the trail project will be for non-motorized recreation.

**Proponent/Applicant:**

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)  
Scotch Creek Wildlife Area, Jim Olson  
1514 Conconully Hwy  
Okanogan, WA 98841

**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Washington, Okanogan County; Section 22, 26, 27, 35 Township 36 North, Range 25 East and Section 2, 11, 14, 23 Township 35 North, Range 25 East WM

**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 law<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> 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 **February 04, 2009**.

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

**Position/Title:** SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

**Address:** 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501

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

**DATE OF ISSUE:** January 21, 2009

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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

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**Distribution of Environmental Document:**

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