



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Mailing Address: 600 Capitol Way N - Olympia, Washington 98501-1091 - (360) 902-2200, TDD (360) 902-2207
Main Office location: Natural Resources Building - 1111 Washington Street SE - Olympia, WA

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: HABITAT ENHANCEMENT FOR OREGON SPOTTED FROG AT WEST ROCKY PRARIE

Description of Proposal:

The focus of this project is to improve habitat for the populations of Oregon spotted frogs (*Rana pretiosa*) at West Rocky Prairie Wildlife Area by first developing a model approach to restoration and maintenance that can be applied to these and other sites. The Oregon spotted frog is a focal species of interest by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife at West Rocky Prairie. It is listed as a state endangered species in Washington by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. In western Washington, the healthiest Oregon spotted frog populations use sparsely vegetated, open, sun warmed, mineral soil locations that are shallowly and seasonally flooded to lay large number of egg masses and to rear up to adulthood. Oregon spotted frog habitat at West Rocky Prairie has degraded due to invasive species like reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*) and yellow flag (*Iris pseudacorus*), and development of a closing canopy and understory due to conifer and shrub expansion in an oak woodland adjacent to a native grassland. Wetland areas are seasonally flooded, generally from December through May. Six treatment and six control units will be established, each approximately 15 meters wide and 30 meters long. These will be established lengthwise from upland to wetland, incorporating potential spotted frog egg-laying and larval development habitat.

Proponent/Applicant:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
David Hays
600 Capitol Way North
Olympia, WA 98501-1091

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Tilly Road, Maytown, Washington, Thurston County; Section 11,12, Township 16 North, Range 02 WestWM

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 **March 05, 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

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, 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: February 19, 2009

SIGNATURE: 

Footnotes

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

SEPA Log Number: 09 -010DNS