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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: SWART RIPARIAN RESTORATION-WENAS CREEK

Description of Proposal: The proposed project will provide long term bank stability with the establishment of a healthy riparian buffer. The unnatural rate of erosion will be slowed such that native woody vegetation can become established and provide natural bank protection. The riparian buffer will be fenced and grazing within the fenced area will be managed. A hardened ford will be constructed at the current crossing site to reduce erosion and habitat degradation when accessing the pump station and the pasture on the north side of the creek.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: 1143 South Wenas Road Selah, WA 98942, Washington, Yakima County; NE ¼ Section 11, Township 14 North, Range 18 East WM Parcel # 18141132403-Wenas Creek WRIA 39-About 5 miles northwest of the City of Selah

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

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely 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.

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. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **October 14, 2009**

You can submit your comments by email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov, through the WDFW SEPA website comment link at <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>, fax to (360) 902-2946, or mail to the address below. When you send us your comments, please provide the name of the proposal in your comment letter.

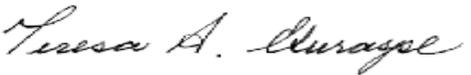
Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

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: September 30, 2009 **SIGNATURE:** 

Footnotes

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

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