



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: SULPHER CREEK BRIDGE REPAIR

Description of Proposal: Flood flows have eroded the right hand bank and a portion of previously installed riprap on the right hand side of Sulpher Creek. This project will repair the bridge abutments and replace flood damaged areas. Work to be completed:

Evacuate bridge embankment at each end of bridge (8 ft x 3 ft x 4 ft) in two areas = 16 cubic feet. Temporarily remove prefabricated timber bridge (14 feet x 42 feet) to gain access to the right hand access area. Place riprap (8 feet x 6 feet x 40 feet long) to restore stream channel bank = 71 cubic yards. Restore rock abutment at the right side abutment in an area varying from 4 foot to 8 foot = 11 cubic yards. Replace bridge on its footings and restore (2) end approach embankments (8 feet x 3 feet x 4 feet) = 16 cubic yards granular fill divided between the two bridge approaches. This granular fill will be placed in dry conditions to restore bridge approach areas. An excavator located outside OHW will be used to place materials. This project will return this bridge to pre-damaged condition.

Proponent/Applicant:

Washington Dept of Fish and Wildlife
Capitol Programs & Engineering Division (Cindy Knudsen)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: The project area is located in a portion of the Cowlitz Wildlife Area (CWA), and is part of the Mayfield and Mossyrock mitigation unit of the Cowlitz Hydroelectric Project. Property owned by Tacoma Power, a public utility of the City of Tacoma. The CWA is operated and maintained by Washington State Fish and Wildlife. From Mossyrock, take Mossyrock road east to junction with Swofford Road, right on Swofford Road/Green Mountain Road and continue. Proceed ½ mile beyond the structure crossing the outlet of Swofford Pond to the site access gate, a total of 6 miles from the starting point.

Cowlitz Wildlife Area, Mossyrock, Washington, Lewis County; Section 26, Township 12 North, Range 03 East WM

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 **April 6, 2010**

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: March 23, 2010 **SIGNATURE:** 

Footnotes

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

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