



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: MANASTASH CREEK FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIR

Description of Proposal:

The proposed repair will redistribute the gravel bar material to restore the conveyance capacity of both the Whitfield and Clark-Yukert bridges to their original design (this will also re-bury the abutment footings). The new channel behind the Whitfield bridge south abutment will be closed, the stream bank repaired and shaped to return the stream flow under the bridge, and the bridge approach road fill replaced. The bank barb constructed during the flood at the Whitfield bridge site will be relocated to better direct flow under the bridge. The gravel plug will be removed from the secondary channel immediately downstream of the Clark-Yukert bridge and woody debris shall be relocated to the south bank and configured as a "debris jam" deflector to protect the eroding portion of bank and provide habitat for fish. All disturbed streambank areas within the project area shall be planted with willow cuttings and/or transplants of willow and redosier dogwood.

Within the project area, large quantities of bedload were deposited in front of and under the two bridges. These gravel bars substantially reducing their conveyance capacity of the bridges and adversely affect flow conditions at the bridges. The creek washed a new channel around the south end of the Whitfield bridge making the bridge unusable, the abutment footings of both the Whitfield and Clark bridges were exposed by scour, and severe bank erosion occurred in several places in the project area.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: 17941, 17741, and 17743, Manastash Road, Ellensburg, WA 98926 Washington, Kittitas County; Southeast 1/4 of Section 14, Township 17 North, Range 16 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 **August 31, 2011**.

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Bob Zeigler

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://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> 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 Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

DATE OF ISSUE: August 16, 2011

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)

2. WAC 197-11-340(2).