



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: NICHOLS TEANAWAY RIVER STREAMBANK STABILIZATION

Description of Proposal: The proposed project would construct a new channel with a radius of curvature to width ratio between 2.9 ft/ft and 4.7 ft/ft, which is within the range for a stable natural channel. Without the proposed project, the unstable meander of the river will continue to erode the shoreline, mobilizing large quantities of sediment and destroying the existing agricultural lands. It is very important to complete the proposed project during the 2011 work window in order to avoid future loss of agricultural land during winter and spring high flows. The proposed project would not only stabilize the shoreline and protect the agricultural lands, but it is also required to resolve the existing USACE violations associated with the placement on fill in the river as part of emergency protection measures designed and coordinated by the WDFW.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal: 1291 Quail Drive, Cle Elum, WA 98922 Washington, Kittitas County; Sections 13 and 24, Township 0 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 **September 1, 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 17, 2011

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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