



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: BEEBE SPRINGS NATURAL AREA DEVELOPMENT PHASE 4

Description of Proposal:

The proposal involves construction (Phase 4) near the Columbia River (Lake Entiat) on a portion of the 64-acre Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife property adjacent to US 97 and across the road (east) from the Chelan Fish Hatchery. Previous work in Phase 3 has been completed. Work in Phase 4 will include about 0.26 acre of American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant trails with crushed rock surfacing along the northern (upstream) tip of the property; up to four (4) viewpoints (each approximately 540 square feet) surfaced with crushed rock; interpretive signage; riparian restoration work, including removal of non-native Lombardy poplar trees and Himalayan blackberries, selective clearing and grubbing elsewhere, and planting of native trees and shrubs to create about 1.35 acres of complex multi-story riparian habitat; restoration of approximately 5.7 acres of upland habitat that will be seeded with native shrub steppe grasses and forbs and planted with live shrubs; and abandonment of approximately 135 feet of culvert that drains surface water from the west side of US 97, and excavation (approximately 0.09 acre) of approximately 260 feet of new channel through the shrub-steppe habitat to accommodate the runoff. This will create approximately 0.09 acre of additional riparian environment. Two new 10 foot long 8-inch culverts will be constructed at the end of the new channel along with a log “spreader” to dissipate the stormwater flows. The upper or initial ten feet of the abandoned culvert will be removed and the open end capped to prevent water from entering the pipe.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal: Washington, Chelan County; Section 20, Township 27 North, Range 23 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 **December 8, 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.

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SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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