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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: WHISKEY DICK ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Description of Proposal:

The Whiskey Dick Ridge Road is a primitive dirt and bedrock road within the WDFW's Whiskey Dick Unit of the LT Murray Wildlife Area. The road connects with Whiskey Dick Creek Road to form a large loop. This project addresses the improvement of the ridge road only, including reshaping the road, rocking, and providing drainage. Disturbed soil will be seeded and mulched during an appropriate weather window (Spring or Fall).

Road Maintenance includes improving the road surface to a 12-foot wide standard. Removing large rock outcrops within the road, and reshaping the road to eliminate steeply outsloped road surfaces.

The project also includes protection of a documented cultural site. The proposal is to cover the site with geotextile and rock over the fabric. This action is described in the archaeological report and was supported by an archaeologist from the Yakama tribe.

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Location of Proposal,: Whiskey Dick Unit of LT Murray Wildlife Area, Washington, Kittitas County; Sections 1, 11, 12, Township 17 North, Range 21 East WM & Section 4,5,8,9, Township 17 North, Range 22 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 **July 24, 2012**.

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: July 9, 2012

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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