



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** Wenas Wildlife Area Yakima Road Renovation

**Description of Proposal:**

The public roads within the Wenas Wildlife Area require renovation due to a combination of drainage-related issues including: ponding, rutting, plugged ditches, and nonfunctional water bars. The Department of Fish and Wildlife proposes to improve about 20 miles of roads generally including grading and shaping, adding rock, cleaning and adding drain dips. Road grading would include modifying in-slope and out-slope contouring to minimize surface erosion and the need for drainage ditches. The lineal feet of actual road work must be determined at the time of the repair and is estimated at between 40,000 and 45,000 lineal feet, about 8.1 miles. Other road work includes: 1) removal of the remains of a broken concrete ford in Cottonwood Creek (seasonal creek), and installation of road barriers to prevent off road vehicle use that damages habitat.

**Proponent/Applicant:**

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** WDFW Wenas Wildlife Area, Washington, Yakima County:

Site 1 - Ridge Road vicinity: T16N, R17E, Section 18.

Site 2 - Kelley Hollow vicinity: T15N, R17E: Sections 1, 2, and 12; T15N R18E Section 6

Site 3 - Sheep Company Road vicinity: T15N, R18E: Sections 21, 22, 27 and 34

Site 4 - Old Durr Road vicinity: T15N, R18E: Sections 3, 15, 16, and 22.

Site 5 - Black Canyon Road vicinity: T16N, R17E: Sections 14, 15 and 22.

**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 law<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> 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 **October 31, 2012**

**Method of Comment:**

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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](mailto: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.<sup>1</sup>

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:** October 16, 2012

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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

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