

WDFW Reply and Cowlitz Co Comment on Kress Lake Access Improvements

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Cc: Zeigler, Robert C (DFW)
Subject: Kress Lake SEPA response

Mr. Melin,

Per our phone conversation, this email is in response to your SEPA Checklist comments below. The boat ramp plans were in the plan set, near the end on Sheet 1 of 4. The boat launch repair will be outside of the original footprint of the degraded gravel ramp that is currently in use. The trail's new gravel will be placed once the previously impacted area is graded to meet ADA standards. The trail is currently maintained by occasional mowing by a local group.

Please advise me on the permits and reports that will be needed by Cowlitz County based on the information I have given. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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Cowlitz Co Comment

Mr. Zeigler,

Cowlitz County will require more detailed plans for the boat ramp and trail system in order to discern whether the project is exempt from shorelines or not. From what is shown on the trail site plan, it appears that WDFW is proposing more than just simple repair of the existing boat ramp. If the replacement boat ramp is not placed in the original footprint, as it seems is the case, then a shoreline substantial development and conditional use permit will be required. The same principle applies to the trail around the lake; if WDFW is expanding the width of the existing trail, a substantial development permit will be required. Should the project not meet the shoreline exemption criteria in WAC 173-27-040(2) then a critical areas permit will be required as well, which will require WDFW to produce a Level II Habitat Assessment per the County's critical areas ordinance (CCC 19.15). Thank you for allowing Cowlitz County the opportunity to review and comment on WDFW's Kress Lake project. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

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