



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** Kittitas Valley Small Stream Spawning Enhancement Project

**Description of Proposal:** Joint Yakama Nation – WDFW Project with Yakama Nation Lead:

This project has been set up as a pilot spawning enhancement project. Five sites have been selected, two sites in Reecer Creek and three sites in Wilson Creek. Each site will have a combination of spawning gravel and boulders strategically placed within a 300-500 meter reach. There will be a control reach adjacent to the site. All spawning in and near each site has been well documented in the past and monitoring will continue post implementation. The goal is evaluate a low cost enhancement strategy to plane bed stream systems that may provide immediate benefits for spawning coho and egg survival. The project will follow recommendations in the Stream Habitat Restoration Guidelines (WDFW 2012) for boulder clusters and spawning gravel placement.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Yakama Nation

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**Location of Proposal:** Washington, Kittitas County:

#### Lower Reecer Creek

1. Stream Mile 0.5 Reecer Creek, WRIA 39
2. Located with the City of Ellensburg's Irene Rinehart Park
3. ~1351 Umptanum Road Ellensburg, WA 98926
4. Project extends from trail bridge downstream of I-90 for 300 meters downstream
5. Parcel # 865436
6. SW ¼ Section 3, Township17, Range 18
7. 46.9903°N, -120.5727°W

#### Upper Reecer Creek

1. Stream Mile 1.0 Reecer Creek, WRIA 39
2. Located immediately downstream of Dolarway Road on City of Ellensburg property
3. ~1900 Dolarway Road Ellensburg, WA 988926
4. Project extends downstream of Dolarway Road for 400 meters
5. Parcel # 228133
6. NW ¼ Section 3, Township 17, Range 18 and SW ¼ Section 34, Township 18, Range 18
7. 46.9871°N, -120.5782°W

### **Lower Wilson Creek**

1. Stream Mile 1.7 Wilson Creek, WRIA 39
2. Located in private pasture adjacent to I-82 and across freeway from Fio Rio Ponds
3. 473 Thrall Road Ellensburg, WA 98926
4. Project extends upstream from the confluence with Naneum Creek for 300 meters
5. Parcel # 12310
6. NE ¼ Section 30, Township 17, Range 19
7. 46.9376°N, -120.5077°W

### **Middle Wilson Creek**

1. Stream Mile 5.5 Wilson Creek, WRIA 39
2. Located adjacent to the City of Ellensburg's Waste Water Treatment Plant
3. ~3300 Canyon Road Ellensburg, WA 98926
4. Project extends upstream of the access bridge for 500 feet on the south side of the Plant
5. Parcel #s 168733, 188733
6. NE ¼ Section 14, Township 17, Range 18
7. 46.9679°N, -120.54033°W

### **Upper Wilson Creek**

1. Stream Mile 6.5 Wilson Creek, WRIA 39
2. Located upstream of the I-90 crossing and adjacent to Mattoon Lake
3. ~300 Umptanum Road Ellensburg, WA 98926
4. Project extends upstream from I-90 for 300 meters
5. Parcel #s 956117, 956118, 956119, 956120
6. SE ¼ Section 11, Township 17, Range 18
7. 46.9762°N, -120.5467°W

**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 **July 8, 2013**.

### **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](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:** June 21, 2013

**SIGNATURE:**

*Bob Zeigler*

Footnotes

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

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