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Bob Zeigler, SEPA/NEPA Coordinator
WA State Department of Fish & Wildlife
Regulatory Services Section
600 Capitol Way North
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Dear Mr. Zeigler:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the determination of nonsignificance for the Mt. St. Helen Wildlife Area Ramp Road Closure project located at the WDFW Hoffstadt Unit, Mt. St. Helen's Wildlife Area WA, Cowlitz County as proposed by Daren Hauswald, WA State Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW). The Department of Ecology (Ecology) reviewed the environmental checklist and has the following comment(s):

**SHORELANDS & ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE:
Rebecca Schroeder (360) 407-7273**

Work within shoreline jurisdiction must be consistent with the state Shoreline Management Act and the local Shoreline Master Program. Consult with the Cowlitz County building and planning department to determine whether any part of this proposal is within shoreline jurisdiction and whether permits will be needed.

**SEPA REVIEWER: Sonia Mendoza
WATER QUALITY CONTACT: Sheila Pendleton-Orme (360) 690-4787**

Any discharge of sediment-laden runoff or other pollutants to waters of the state is in violation of Chapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution Control, and WAC 173-201A, Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington, and is subject to enforcement action.

Erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading, or construction. These control measures must be effective to prevent stormwater runoff from carrying soil and other pollutants into surface water or stormdrains that lead to waters of the state. Sand, silt, clay particles, and soil will damage aquatic habitat and are considered to be pollutants.

Proper disposal of construction debris must be on land in such a manner that debris cannot enter water of the state and stormdrains draining to waters of the state or cause water quality degradation of state waters.

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Ecology's comments are based upon information provided by the lead agency. As such, they may not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations that must be obtained or legal requirements that must be fulfilled in order to carry out the proposed action.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these comments, please contact the appropriate reviewing staff listed above.

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Southwest Regional Office

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cc: Sheila Pendleton-Orme, VFO/WQ
Julie Robertson, W2R
Daren Hauswald, WDFW (Proponent)