



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 14-002: CHOPAKA ACCESS IMPROVEMENT

Description of Proposal:

The purpose of the project is to improve public access to an oxbow lake that is within close proximity to the Similkameen River. The project will include gravel resurfacing of a driveway and parking area to provide space for 9 vehicles. A path will be made to a new viewing blind on the oxbow and a gravel launch will be formed for hand launching above OHWM. Approximately 98 cubic yards of gravel will be placed. The gravel will be locally sourced, if possible. Gravel for the boat launch (all placed above OHWM) will constitute 3 cubic yards, which will be placed after grading the slope to 20%. The site will provide an ADA parking area and ADA compliant trails. Some remnant cattle fencing (approximately 1650 feet) will be removed as well as a debris pile on the site.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: WDFW Chopaka Access Site, Okanogan County, Washington: Township 40N, Range 25E, Section 17.

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 **January 25, 2014**.

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: Lisa Wood

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

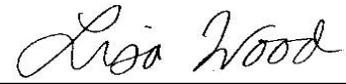
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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. 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 Lisa Wood at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2260.

DATE OF ISSUE: January 10, 2014

SIGNATURE: _____



Footnotes

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

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