



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 14-010: CACHE CREEK AND 4-0 RANCH FENCES

#### **Description of Proposal:**

The proposed project will construct 4-strand barbed wire fences in two locations, Cache Creek and the 4-0 Ranch. The fences will be 42" height, with steel posts spaced a maximum of 16 feet apart. Posts will be drilled 16" into rock if they cannot be impact driven in. The fence is in two alignments:

#### CACHE CREEK FENCE

The existing Cache Creek barbed wire fence was burned in a fire. The proposed repairs will remove 3.5 miles of damaged barbed wire fencing and replace it with new barbed wire fence in the same location. The existing barbed wire with wood and steel post fencing will be demolished. The steel posts and wire removed from the site to a local landfill or recycled. The burned wood posts will be stacked at intervals along the fence line to provide habitat. This fence crosses two creeks, Joseph Creek and Green Gulch Creek. This fence is a breakaway fence design with end braces constructed on each side of the creek above OHW that will allow fence wire detachment during high water conditions.

#### 4-0 RANCH FENCE

The 4-0 Ranch fence is a new barbed wire fence to enclose WDFW property lines, approximately 0.5 miles long, and built to the specifications above. The new fence will be 0.45 mile long from the fence corner at the property line. The fence will meet existing cattle guard on each side of the property line access road. No creek crossings are anticipated.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)  
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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Near Anatone, Asotin County, Washington:  
CACHE CREEK FENCE: On Joseph Creek Road, Township 6N, Range 46E, Sections 1, 3, 10, and 11.

4-0 RANCH FENCE: On Hansen Ridge Rd, Township 7N, Range 44E, Section 18.

**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. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on February 26, 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](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:** 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.<sup>1</sup>

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:** February 11, 2014

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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

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