



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 14-015: CHILIWIST CREEK RESTORATION

Description of Proposal:

The project area lies within the borders of the WDFW Chiliwist Creek Wildlife Area southwest of Omak, Washington. When WDFW purchased this property it contained two dams with associated in-channel ponds to provide irrigation. Both dams were in poor condition and blocking fish passage. WDFW proposes to restore the stream by removing both dams. The stream will be restored to the former channel and condition. Near the site of the lower dam, an off-channel pond will be constructed along with a small intake structure on Chiliwist Creek. This pond will provide a stable source for the use of the existing water right and also provide habitat for upland species living within this wildlife area.

The work will begin by removing a portion of the upstream earthen dam and associated water diversion structures. The former stream channel (that was abandoned) will be restored by providing large woody debris, habitat boulders, placing stream gravel, sloping the banks to a natural condition, and planting native riparian vegetation. Once the stream restoration work is complete the stream will be permanently returned the channel.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Chiliwist Unit of the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area, 570 Chiliwist Road, Malott, Okanogan County, Washington: Township 32N, Range 24E, Section 14.

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. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on March 12, 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:

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SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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