



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 15-031: SWANSON LAKES WILDLIFE AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN

Description of Proposal:

This is a new wildlife area management plan for the Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area. It directs management activities over the next 10 years on three wildlife areas: Swanson Lakes (21,000 acres); Revere (2,291 acres) and Reardan Audubon Lake (277 acres). Proposed uses include sage grouse and sharp-tailed grouse protection and enhancement; recreation and wildlife conservation; protection and restoration of shrub-steppe habitat, grasslands and riparian habitat. There are two agriculture leases on the Swanson Lakes and Revere Wildlife areas. The leases provide food and cover for wildlife and as well as revenue. Under the direction of the new plan, management activities will stay essentially the same.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any:

The Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area is located approximately 10 miles south of Creston, Lincoln County, Washington: Multiple sections within Township 24N, Ranges 34E and 35E and Township 25N, Ranges 33E, 34E, and 35E.

The Revere Wildlife Area is located 13 miles east of St. John, Whitman County, Washington: Township 18 N, Range 39 E, Sections 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10.

The Reardan Audubon Lake Wildlife Area is located just north of the town of Reardan, Lincoln County, Washington: Township 25N, Range 39E, Section 10.

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 30 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 June 10, 2015**.

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: May 11, 2015

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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