



State of Washington

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 15-058: WENNER LAKES DAM REPAIR

**Description of Proposal:**

The Wenner Lake #3 Dam (also called the Chalfa Dam) was breached in 2014 after the watershed experienced fire damage, then followed by a heavy rainfall event. This breach occurred in the spillway area of the dam as the functionality of the spillway was reduced by a build-up of large woody debris. The Wenner Lake #5 Dam was also breached during this same event. This project will repair Wenner Lake #3 Dam and stabilize breach area at Wenner Lake #5 Dam and restore the access road. The specific components of this project will be:

1. Reshape the breach area at Wenner Lake #5 Dam to open up the stream channel width and to restore vehicle access across this point. Material will be cut from the old dam to lessen the slope grade to allow vehicle passage. The bottom of the cut (where the stream passes through the breach) will be armored with 4 inch minus pit run to provide a driveable dip. Materials cut from the old earthen dam will be deposited nearby above OHW and seeded.
2. At Wenner Lake #3 Dam, the entire spillway will be reshaped and regraded to repair eroded areas. The floor of the upper half of the spillway will be layered with 2.5 feet of rock to prevent erosion during future storm events.
3. The floor of the lower spillway will receive a 4 inch layer of rock armoring. A dissipation pad will be placed at the bottom of the spillway on both banks of the stream to protect against erosion when the spillway is active.
4. Three cut-off walls will be installed below grade in the lower spillway to prevent spillway failure. Filter fabric will be installed under the rock armoring along entire length of spillway.
5. The existing outlet control structure at Wenner Lake #3 will be removed. WDFW will install new precast outlet control structure to regulate lake levels.
6. Install new debris catching log boom to replace the damaged log boom at Wenner Lake #3. Length of boom will be 180 lineal feet.

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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Wenner Lakes, The Wenner Lakes site is located in Finley Canyon and is reached by driving east on Highway 153 from Twisp for 6 miles, then turning left on Benson Road. Proceed east on Benson Road for 3 miles, then turn right onto gravel road accessing Finley Canyon. Okanogan County, Washington: Township 33 N, Range 23 E, Section 30. The latitude/longitude is 48.3319 N by -119.9456 W.

**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 November 17, 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](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:** Dan Doty on behalf of 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 Dan Doty at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-8120.

**DATE OF ISSUE:** November 3, 2015

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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