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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 20-019: WEST ROCKY PRAIRIE – BEAVER CREEK CULVERT REMOVAL

Description of Proposal:

This project provides for the abandonment of two existing undersized culverts that were determined as a fish barrier on Beaver Creek where it crosses onto the West Rocky Prairie WLA Unit and intersects an interior boundary roadway. Specific elements would include:

1. Culvert Removal – Remove (excavate) two culverts on Beaver Creek measuring 48" X 24' and 24" X 30'. These culverts are located where Beaver Creek crosses onto the WLA Unit at an interior roadway that parallels the eastern boundary.
2. Excavation of invasive Yellow-flag irises: Excavate the invasive irises downstream of culvert within the stream channel will occur. Irises within a 30 ft. distance from the road (downstream of the culvert/bridge area). The streambed will be excavated to a depth of one foot.
3. Removal of tree: An alder tree with close proximity to the upstream portion of the culvert will be removed during construction.
4. Revegetate area of disturbance with native grasses.

Roadway Repairs – Repair roadway as necessary to ensure use by WDFW management vehicles during dry season.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Beaver Creek at Powder Plant Rd SE in the West Rocky Prairie Unit of WDFW's Scatter Creek Wildlife Area, Tenino, Thurston County, Washington: Township 16N, Range 2W, Section 12.

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 notice. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on May 8, 2020**.

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: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/open-comments>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Habitat Program, Protection Division

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/closed-final>. 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: April 24, 2020

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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