

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional SEPA studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals: [\[help\]](#)

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. Background [\[help\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: [\[help\]](#)

Scatter Creek Wildlife Area Management Plan

2. Name of applicant: [\[help\]](#)

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: [\[help\]](#)

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4. Date checklist prepared: [\[help\]](#) April 1, 2020
5. Agency requesting checklist: [\[help\]](#) Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): [\[help\]](#)
Final plan will be published on WDFW website June 2020.
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. [\[help\]](#)
Yes, specific projects or actions may be taken to implement elements of this plan. Where appropriate, project specific SEPA review will occur.
8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. [\[help\]](#) N/A
9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. [\[help\]](#) N/A
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. [\[help\]](#) N/A
11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.) [\[help\]](#)
This is a new management plan for the Scatter Creek Wildlife Area. Over the next 10 years the plan will direct management activities on the following wildlife area units:
 1. Black River (109 acres)
 2. Davis Creek (542 acres)
 3. Glacial Heritage (80 acres)
 4. Scatter Creek (1087 acres)
 5. Skookumchuck (966 acres)
 6. West Rocky Prairie (809 acres)

Proposed uses include fish and wildlife conservation; protecting and restoring South Puget Sound prairie, oak woodlands, forests, wetlands, and riparian habitats. Examples of management activities under this plan include: weed management; utilizing timber harvest to restore prairie and oak woodland habitat; seek funding to acquire available high quality oak-prairie habitat; restore/maintain habitat for the Taylor's checkerspot; maintain and restore Mazama pocket gopher habitat; protect, restore, maintain, and create habitat for Oregon spotted frog; protect and restore habitat for priority butterflies during the life of the plan. Enhance habitat for either band-tailed pigeon and morning dove, restore native wetland plant communities that benefit waterfowl.

Recreational projects include: Develop and maintain recreational facilities at the wildlife area; conduct a trails assessment/inventory for the purpose of designating, maintaining, and adding trails on the wildlife area; develop a strategy to improve management of field trial opportunities on the wildlife area; continue the release of pheasants at the two existing pheasant release sites, and evaluate alternatives or additional replacement sites as new lands are acquired.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist. [\[help\]](#)

Black River Unit (Thurston County)

- Directions: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/places-to-go/wildlife-areas/black-river-wildlife-area-unit>
- Legal Description: Township: 16N Range: 03W Sections: 30,16

Davis Creek (Grays Harbor County)

- Directions: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/places-to-go/wildlife-areas/davis-creek-wildlife-area-unit>
- Legal Description: Township: 16N Range: 05W Sections: 23, 24, 25, 26

Glacial Heritage Unit (Thurston County)

- Directions: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/places-to-go/wildlife-areas/glacial-heritage-wildlife-area-unit>
- Legal Description: Township: 16N Range: 03W Section:15

Scatter Creek Unit (Thurston County)

- Directions: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/places-to-go/wildlife-areas/scatter-creek-wildlife-area-unit>
- Legal Description: Township: 16N Range: 03W Section: 25, 35, 36 Township: 16N Range: 02W Section: 30

Skookumchuck (Thurston County)

- Directions: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/places-to-go/wildlife-areas/skookumchuck-wildlife-area-unit>
- Legal Description: Township: 15N Range: 01W Sections: 12,13

West Rocky Prairie (Thurston County)

- Directions: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/places-to-go/wildlife-areas/west-rocky-prairie-wildlife-area-unit>
- Legal Description: Township: 16N Range: 02W Sections: 1,2,3,11,12

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS [\[help\]](#)

1. Earth [\[help\]](#)

a. General description of the site: [\[help\]](#)

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other ALL
The terrain ranges from floodplain to rolling hills, elevations range from 39 to 625 feet.

Multiple sites with varying landscape types and features.

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? [\[help\]](#)

N/A

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils. [\[help\]](#)

A variety of soil types occur on the wildlife area. Gravelly sandy loam soils developed on glacial outwash, are well-drained, and high in organic matter near the surface. The prominent soil types at Scatter Creek Wildlife Area include Spanaway gravelly sandy loam, Nisqually loamy fine sand, and Spanaway-Nisqually complex soils.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#) N/A

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill. [\[help\]](#) N/A

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#) N/A

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? [\[help\]](#) N/A

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: [\[help\]](#) N/A

2. Air [\[help\]](#)

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#) N/A

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#) N/A

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: [\[help\]](#) N/A

3. Water [\[help\]](#)

a. Surface Water:

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into. [\[help\]](#)

The Scatter Creek Wildlife Area falls under WRIA 23.

- Black River Unit: The Black River meanders through a large, impenetrable swamp before becoming a free-flowing river. The Black River drains into the Chehalis River.
- Davis Creek Unit: Davis Creek is a tributary to the Chehalis River. The unit supports a variety of unique habitat types including extensive freshwater emergent wetlands, riparian shrub habitat, and off channel sloughs.
- Glacial Heritage Unit: located 0.2 mile from Black River
- Scatter Creek Unit: Scatter Creek flows through the center of the unit – the unit contains riparian and wetland habitat.
- Skookumchuck Unit: is located downstream from the Skookumchuck Dam. The unit contains wetland and riparian habitat.
- West Rocky Prairie: waters within the unit include a large wetland complex and Beaver and Allen creeks, which both have connections to the wetland. Both creeks can occupy a common portion of the wetland during high water years.

2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans. [\[help\]](#) N/A

3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material. [\[help\]](#) N/A

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#)
There are no surface water withdrawals or diversions with this proposal.

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. [\[help\]](#) N/A

6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge. [\[help\]](#) N/A

b. Ground Water:

1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#)

Groundwater will be withdrawn from a few of the units for domestic uses at less the 10 gallons per month. Water will not be discarded to the groundwater.

2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve. [\[help\]](#)

On the Davis Creek Unit there is one septic system associated with a three bedroom house and a bath house. Residence is currently vacant.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow?

Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

All runoff is from rainfall. All surfaces within the units are permeable and most of the water should be collected naturally by the ground or flow into small stream, wetlands, and rivers.

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

There are no waste materials on site that could enter ground or surface waters.

3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#) N/A

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#) N/A

4. **Plants** [\[help\]](#)

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site: [\[help\]](#)

X deciduous tree: alder, maple, oak, cottonwood, Ash, other

X evergreen tree: fir, cedar, yew, pine, other

X shrubs: snowberry, Oregon grape, elderberry, ninebark, dogwood, willow, other

X grass: Fescue, native grasses, and pasture grasses

X wet soil plants: cattail, sedges, rushes, skunk cabbage, other

X water plants: variety

X other types of vegetation

Scatter Creek Wildlife Area includes: oak prairie woodlands, wetlands, agriculture, riparian, forests and wet prairie.

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? [\[help\]](#)

N/A

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

Golden paintbrush (FT), Hall's aster (ST), Mule's ear (ST), Rose checker-mallow (SE), Small-flowered trillium (SS), Dense sedge (ST), True babystars (SS), Water howellia (ST), Texas toadflax (ST), Scouler's catchfly (SS), Nuttall's quillwort (SS)

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Under the direction of the new plan, the agency will develop habitat restoration plans for individual units, including oak-prairie restoration, prescribed fire, forest, wetland and riparian restoration.

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

Weed species of concern on the Scatter Creek Wildlife Area include but are not limited to:

State designation	Weed Species
Class A	None known
Class B	Mouseear hawkweed, spotted knapweed, sulfur cinquefoil, Tansy ragwort, Japanese knotweed, perrotfeather, poison hemlock, yellow archangel,
Class C	Common groundsel, Scotch broom, bull thistle, Canada thistle, common catsear, common St. Johnswort, common tansy, English hawthorn, english ivy, evergreen blackberry, field bindweed, Himalayan blackberry, oxeye daisy, Reed canary grass, wild carrot, yellow flag iris

5. **Animals** [\[help\]](#)

a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

Examples include:

- birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
- fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other _____

See Table 9 state and federal conservation status, SGCN, WDFW Priority Habitat and Species - criteria and priority areas for species that may occur on the wildlife area and Appendix A.

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)
 Streaked horn lark (FT), Mazama pocket gopher (FT), Oregon spotted frog (FT), bull trout (FT), Olympic mudminnow (SS), Taylor’s checkerspot butterfly (FE), Mardon skipper (SE)

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. [\[help\]](#)
 Yes, existing habitat provides migration routes for game species and non-games species, and migratory bird pacific flyway.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: [\[help\]](#)
 See wildlife area management plan’s goals and objectives.
 Examples of measures include: Develop a survey plan to document the presence and distribution of the Olympic mudminnow by 2023; Protect, restore, maintain, and create habitat for Oregon spotted frog; Maintain and restore Mazama pocket gopher habitat with prairie management and habitat expansion; Maintain current efforts to protect and monitor Taylor’s checkerspot on the Scatter Creek Unit to achieve population objectives identified in reintroduction and recovery plans; Investigate bat use of WDFW lands and monitor for white nose syndrome and surveillance, as needed.

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)
 Black crappie, bluegill, brown bullhead, common carp, large-mouth bass, pumpkinseed, rock bass, small mouth bass, yellow perch, and bull frog.

6. **Energy and Natural Resources** [\[help\]](#)

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc. [\[help\]](#) N/A
- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#) N/A
- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#) N/A

7. Environmental Health [\[help\]](#)

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#) N/A

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses. [\[help\]](#) N/A
- 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity. [\[help\]](#) N/A
- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project. [\[help\]](#) N/A
- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required. [\[help\]](#) N/A
- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: [\[help\]](#) N/A

- b. Noise [\[help\]](#)

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? [\[help\]](#) N/A
- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site. [\[help\]](#) N/A
- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#) N/A

8. Land and Shoreline Use [\[help\]](#)

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

The current uses of WDFW wildlife areas are recreation and wildlife conservation. WDFW lands are surrounded by rural lands, public preserves, and agriculture including industrial forestry. Other state lands includes the Capital Forest and Mima Mounds – DNR. Several land trusts are located nearby (e.g., Nature Conservancy and Capital Lands Trust). The USFWS Black River Refuge is located nearby.

b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use? [\[help\]](#)

The Davis Creek Unit lease has an agricultural lease to provide forage for waterfowl (hay/silage) – 280 acres.

1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how: [\[help\]](#) N/A

c. Describe any structures on the site. [\[help\]](#)

A new Scatter Creek Headquarters office is being constructed on the Scatter Creek Unit north tract and is expected to be completed summer of 2020. Two permanent public bathrooms – one each on the north and south tracts – and four kiosks are located on the Scatter Creek Unit.

On the Davis Creek Unit, a 3-story farmhouse, abandoned dairy (including milking parlor, dairy house, three small loafing shelters, and one large loafing shelter), equipment barn, and shop are present. There is a portable bathroom for public use on the unit as well as one kiosk. On the Skookumchuck Unit a large barn is used for storing lessee's equipment. There is one WDFW kiosk, and two TransAlta kiosks.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? [\[help\]](#)
N/A

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? [\[help\]](#)

Black River: Rural

Davis Creek: Agriculture

Glacial Heritage: Public Preserves

Scatter Creek: Rural

Skookumchuck: Rural Residential/Resource (RRR) 1/5 and Long Term Ag (LTA) (362 ac.); LTA (88); RRR 1/5 (109.7); Long Term Forestry (LTF) (320 ac.)

West Rocky Prairie: Public Preserves

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? [\[help\]](#)

Black River: Public Preserves

Davis Creek: Agriculture

Glacial Heritage: Public Preserves

Scatter Creek: Public Preserves

Skookumchuck: Rural Residential/Resource (RRR) 1/5 and Long Term Ag (LTA) (362 ac.);
LTA (88); RRR 1/5 (109.7); Long Term Forestry (LTF) (320 ac.)

West Rocky Prairie: Public Preserves

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? [\[help\]](#)

Black River: Natural

Davis Creek: Conservancy

Glacial Heritage: None

Scatter Creek: Conservancy

Skookumchuck: Conservancy

West Rocky Prairie: Proposed Natural

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

[\[help\]](#)

1. Wetlands

YES (see previously submitted information)

2. Areas with a critical recharging effect on aquifers used for potable water

YES, the West Rocky Prairie and Scatter Creek units.

3. Fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas

YES (see previously submitted information)

4. Frequently flooded areas

YES, units with waterbodies.

5. Geologically hazardous areas

none

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? [\[help\]](#)

None

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? [\[help\]](#) N/A

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#) N/A

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Measures identified in this plan are compatible with local land use regulations.

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Measures identified in the plan are compatible with nearby agricultural land use and forest lands.

9. **Housing** [\[help\]](#)

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [\[help\]](#)

No additional housing is expected under the new management plan.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [\[help\]](#) N/A

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#) N/A

10. **Aesthetics** [\[help\]](#)

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? [\[help\]](#) N/A

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? [\[help\]](#) N/A

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#) N/A

11. **Light and Glare** [\[help\]](#)

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? [\[help\]](#) N/A

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? [\[help\]](#)
N/A

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? [\[help\]](#) N/A

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#) N/A

12. **Recreation** [\[help\]](#)

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? [\[help\]](#)
Hunting, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, wildlife viewing, hunt dog trials and training, boating, photography, running, mountain biking, swimming, geocaching, and falconry.

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)
None

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Recreational opportunities will be maintained and/or enhanced in this plan. Please see the recreation goals, objectives list in the management plan for details.

13. Historic and cultural preservation [\[help\]](#)

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers ? If so, specifically describe. [\[help\]](#) Yes, the Miller-Brewer national historic site on the Scatter Creek unit-south. The house was believed to be built in 1860 and was lost in 2017 due to a wildfire on the wildlife area.
- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources. [\[help\]](#)

None

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

[\[help\]](#)

As specific projects are conceived, they will be reviewed by WDFW. Project reviews will be informed by the results of prior archaeological and historic research, review of ethnographies and ethnographic information, information provided by the Tribes during consultation, the results of coordination with stakeholders and wildlife area staff, regional land use practices, local and regional geomorphological conditions, and regional settlement patterns. As needed, WDFW will conduct cultural resource surveys of project area to assess potential of the project to impact cultural resources, to characterize the impacts, if any, and to make recommendations about reasonable options to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts to any archaeological or cultural resources should any be present at the project location.

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required. [\[help\]](#) Specific project locations have not yet been identified. As specific projects are designed, they will be reviewed by WDFW as described above. The project reviews will be used to inform project plans. In every case, WDFW will adopt all reasonable measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts to any archaeological or cultural resources should any be present at the project location.

14. Transportation [\[help\]](#)

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. [\[help\]](#)
See attached maps for street names and highways
- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? [\[help\]](#)
No, it is 1 to 5 miles to the nearest transit stop.
- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate? [\[help\]](#) N/A

- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). [\[help\]](#) N/A
- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#) N/A
- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates? [\[help\]](#) N/A
- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? No If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#) N/A

15. **Public Services** [\[help\]](#)

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? No If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)
- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. [\[help\]](#) N/A

16. **Utilities** [\[help\]](#)

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: [\[help\]](#)
 electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,
 other _____
 None
- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed. [\[help\]](#) N/A

C. Signature

[\[help\]](#)

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: _____
 Name of signee LAURE VIDUE
 Position and Agency/Organization Environmental Planner/WDFW

Date Submitted: April 10, 2020

D. supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [\[help\]](#)

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise? [N/A](#)

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are: [N/A](#)

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

[The goals of this wildlife area management plan are to:](#)

[Improve ecological integrity \(EI\) of South Puget Sound prairie, oak woodlands, forests, and wetlands and riparian habitats by protecting, restoring and/or maintaining these critical habitats.](#)

[Achieve species diversity at levels consistent with healthy ecosystems.](#)

[Maintain and enhance game bird habitat.](#)

[Maintain and enhance waterfowl habitat](#)

[Maintain and enhance elk habitat and provide recreation opportunities.](#)

[Maintain and restore riparian habitat.](#)

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

[See management plan for a complete list of goals, objectives and performance measures.](#)

[Improve ecological integrity \(EI\) of South Puget Sound prairie, oak woodlands, forests, and wetlands and riparian habitats by protecting, restoring and/or maintaining these critical habitats.](#)

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

[N/A](#)

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

[N/A](#)

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

The goals of this plan (outlined above) provides protection and enhancement for fish and wildlife including Mazama pocket gopher, Taylor's checkerspot butterfly, butterfly species, Oregon spotted frog, Olympic mudminnow, elk, deer. Habitats enhanced under this plan include oak prairie woodland, riparian, and forest.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:
See management plan (Goals, objectives, and performance measures) for Scatter Creek Wildlife Area.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

This management plan provides protection and enhancement measures for oak prairie woodlands, riparian and wetland systems located on most units of the wildlife area.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are: N/A

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities? N/A

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are: N/A

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

This management plan meets all federal, local and state requirements for protection of the environment.