



State of Washington  
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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 20-023: SCATTER CREEK WILDLIFE AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN

**Description of Proposal:**

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.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)  
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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** WDFW Scatter Creek Wildlife Area, in Thurston and Grays Harbor Counties, Washington:

Black River Unit (Thurston County): Township 16N, Range 03W, Sections 16 and 30.

Davis Creek (Grays Harbor County): Township 16N, Range 05W, Sections 23, 24, 25, and 26.

Glacial Heritage Unit (Thurston County): Township 16N, Range 03W, Section 15.

Scatter Creek Unit (Thurston County): Township 16N, Range 03W, Section 25, 35, and 36 and Township 16N, Range 02W, Section 30.

Skookumchuck (Thurston County): Township 15N, Range 01W, Sections 12 and 13.

West Rocky Prairie (Thurston County): Township 16N, Range 02W, Sections 1, 2, 3, 11, and 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 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 31 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 31 days of the date of this notice. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on June 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](mailto: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.<sup>1</sup>

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 8, 2020

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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