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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 20-054: TUNK VALLEY ROAD REPAIR

**Description of Proposal:**

WDFW proposes to re-slope a steep bank on the west side of the road and move the roadbed that direction 10–15 feet. This will prevent further erosion on the east side of the road. The spoils from this excavation will be used to repair a culvert in the same location that is undercutting. An extension will be added and roadbed again moved west 10-15 feet. The road at this site will receive approximately 20 yards of crushed gravel and graded. All disturbed soils will be seeded with native grass. At the Tunk Creek bridge, slightly downhill from this site we will slope the road slightly to the west and provide a drainage ditch for runoff into a grassy flat which will dissipate energy and deposit silt and material before reaching Tunk Creek.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)  
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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Tunk Valley Road on the Tunk Valley Wildlife Area, about 10 miles east of Riverside, Okanogan County, Washington: Township 35N, Range 27E, Section 13.

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

**The following document is incorporated by reference:**

Scotch Creek and Sinlahekin Wildlife Areas Management Plan, April 2017 (WDFW Publication 01874)

**Agency that Prepared Document Being Incorporated:** WDFW

**Description of Document (or Portion) Being Incorporated:** The portion of the “Scotch Creek and Sinlahekin Wildlife Areas Management Plan” that refers to Tunk Valley Unit of the Scotch Creek Wildlife Area.

**If the Document Being Adopted has been Challenged, Please Describe:** N/A

**Name of Agency Incorporating the Document:** WDFW

**The Document is Available to be Read at:**

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife - Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, Olympia, WA, Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. (Note: the office is temporarily closed)

This document is also available for review online at:

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/open-comments>

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 December 15, 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:  
<http://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 above or email [SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov).

**DATE OF ISSUE:** December 1, 2020

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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

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