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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS) AND ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT (CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION)

Name of Proposal: DNS/Adoption 21-005: SOUTH FORK STILLAGUAMISH FLOODPLAIN AND RIPARIAN ENHANCEMENT

Description of Proposal:

The SF Stillaguamish Floodplain and Riparian Enhancement Project will decommission a closed portion of the Gold Basin Campground to restore floodplain processes. Some of the campsites and related infrastructure adjacent to the river will be removed and a section of the river channel will be reconstructed through the decommissioned portion of campground. Additional project elements will include grading of the floodplain in the channel's former location, tree tipping, installation of large wood structures to provide bank stability and aquatic habitat complexity, strategic placement of other large trees to provide for channel and floodplain stability, and riparian vegetation planting where appropriate. Trees tipped will be left on site and incorporated into large wood structure installation where possible.

The project will allow for fluvial and potential future landslide processes to take place while balancing the need to enhance localized water quality conditions by allowing new floodplain and riparian vegetation surfaces to act as filters to turbid water sourced from the landslide. Hence, along this reach of the SF Stillaguamish River the project is expected to provide conditions more conducive for spawning and habitat complexity by re-setting adjacent geomorphic and vegetative features.

Project details are described in the "SF Stillaguamish Floodplain and Riparian Enhancement Project" Decision Memo/Categorical Exclusion being adopted.

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Location of Proposal: USFS Gold Basin Campground on Mountain Loop Highway at River Mile 48 of the South Fork Stillaguamish River, approximately 15 miles east of the town of Granite Falls, Snohomish County, Washington: Township 30N, Range 8E, Sections 13, 14, 23, and 24.

Title of Document being Adopted: "SF Stillaguamish Floodplain and Riparian Enhancement Project" Decision Memo which comprises the Categorical Exclusion.

Agency that Prepared Document Being Adopted: U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service

Date Adopted Document was Prepared: September 2020

Description of Document (or Portion) Being Adopted: The entire contents of the “SF Stillaguamish Floodplain and Riparian Enhancement Project” Decision Memo which comprises the Categorical Exclusion.

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

Name of Agency Adopting the Document: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (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>

Adoption of Existing Environmental Document: After independent review, we have identified and adopted the referenced document as being appropriate for this proposal. The document meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

We issued this Determination of Nonsignificance/Adoption Notice under WAC 197-11-340(2), WAC 197-11-610, and WAC 197-11-630. 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 February 23, 2021.**

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

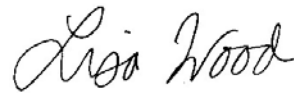
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If you have questions about this DNS/Adoption or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at the address above or email SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov.

DATE OF ISSUE: February 9, 2021 **SIGNATURE:**

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Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)

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