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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 21-016: GLENEWINKEL FARM BIRD FARM EXPANSION AND SHOOTING PRESERVE

Description of Proposal:

This project proposes three actions, first to expand an existing agricultural operation, currently licensed as a game farm that produces pheasant, quail, and chukar. Currently the game farm raises and buys mature birds. The current business plan does not entail over-wintering of game birds. The proposal is to raise birds from day old to approximately 20 weeks and then release them. The expansion will allow mature birds to be held over winter if needed and will increase production capacity. The proposed expansion proposal will use existing structures (three portable sheds totaling 432 square feet for cover) but will also include constructing a 40 x 50 square foot flight pen to condition birds. The entire expanded game farm operation is expected to utilize approximately 2 acres.

Secondly, the project proposes the utilization of approximately 300 acres that exist within the game bird farm as a release site. The proposed site is owned by the operators of the game bird farm. The land is currently in agricultural classifications and is managed primarily for wildlife habitat. Most of the proposed release site grounds were burned by the Hatchery Creek fire which occurred about 9 years ago. This resulted in much of the proposed area being reclassified from timber to open space. The owner has been working with the Washington Department of Natural Resources and the Ferry County Conservation District to complete projects to improve wildlife habitat, protect riparian zones and monitor regeneration of timber. This project would expect to release approximately 300 pheasant and 200 quail over the course of one operating year (August to May).

Finally, the project would include the establishment of a Shooting Preserve for hunting select birds. The proposed Shooting Preserve would allow hunting (shotgun only), on foot, of released pheasant and bobwhite quail from late August, depending on temperature, to about late May, with no hunts occurring when snow levels prevent access to the release site. The hunting times and route are proposed and designed to avoid grouse nesting areas. The only upland bird that has been regularly observed on the proposed shooting preserve site are Blue (Dusky) grouse. Ruff grouse are present in the riparian zones, but these areas are not included in the proposed shooting preserve area.

Proponent/Applicant: Glenewinkel Game Bird Farm
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Glenewinkel Game Bird Farm, 130 Herron Creek Rd, Republic, Ferry County, Washington: Township 37N, Range 33E, Sections 21 and 22.

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 letter. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on May 19, 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

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>. After 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 above or email SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov.

DATE OF ISSUE: May 5, 2021

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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