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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 21-043: COWLITZ WILDLIFE AREA SPEARS UNIT POND
WATER MANAGEMENT

Description of Proposal:

Work will occur at two locations as shown on the attached plans. Site 1 involves the installation of a new inlet structure into the Spears Unit Mill Pond site. The permanent electrical connection will come off the pole on Highway 131 where it will be brought to a new power pole with secure service provided in a steel enclosure. The new service line will be dropped and run underground through the old overgrown grade, under new articulated concrete mat (ACM) until reaching the new secure pump area. The ACM will be placed from the overgrown glade to the shoreline's edge, and will be approximately 1200 sf with 6 inch concrete mat blocks. The ACM will allow for secure and stable placement of the new submersible pump, which will be set on a trailer and wheeled into position by work vehicles. The portable submersible pump which will connect to a new 8" HDPE pipe that will be placed on top of the ground and duckbill earth anchored in place. The pump will be placed in March or April and will be used until it is removed in October. Work includes the removal of a portion of the existing 12 inch metal pipe through the pond embankment. A 3x3 riprap pad will be installed on the embankment when the new 8" pipe is placed. Site 2 involves the repair and replacement of the outfall structure at the Mill Pond Site. The existing 18 inch standpipe will be retrofitted with a new riser. This will require the installation of a precast concrete slab. A new beaver deceiver will be placed around the new riser. The existing 18" HDPE pipe and outfall will remain on the Siler Creek side of this work area. No disturbance to the embankment, Siler Creek, or Channel A will result at this location.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Mill Pond on the WDFW Cowlitz Wildlife Area, Spears Unit, approximately 1.6 miles south of Randle, Lewis County, Washington: Township 12N, Range 7E, Section 20.

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 September 2, 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:
<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.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: August 19, 2021

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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