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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 22-005: LITTLE GREEN LAKE DAM SAFETY REPAIRS

Description of Proposal:

This project proposes to construct an auxiliary spillway so that the dam can be in compliance with Department of Ecology Dam Safety spillway requirements for high risks dams with a downstream population at risk. The dam is classified as having a downstream hazard classification of 2D (1 or 2 inhabited structures at risk). US National Dam website states that the dam was built in 1959 for the purpose of fish propagation. The auxiliary spillway was identified on the original dam design dating back to 1958 as shown in the 2019 Periodic Inspection Report by DOE Dam Safety. The auxiliary spillway is shown to be approximately 32 ft. wide and 3 ft. deep, however it was not located during the last onsite inspection by DOE Dam Safety. This means that it was either never built or has filled in over time with sediment. The spillway must be rebuilt to current safety design standards and will be approximately 96 ft. wide by 33.3 Ft. long. The spillway will be constructed with articulated concrete matting (ACM) and the side slopes of the spillway will be lined with quarry spalls to control flow off of the dam face's sides.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Little Green Lake Dam is located adjacent to 91 Green Lake Road, Okanogan, Okanogan County, Washington: Township 34N, Range 25E, Section 24.

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 February 7, 2022.**

Method of Comment:

SEPA documents related to this proposal can be reviewed at the WDFW SEPA website at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/open-comments>.

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 through one of the following ways:

- Online at the Public Input comment portal for this proposal: <https://publicinput.com/LittleGreenLakeDam>
- Email to: LittleGreenLakeDam@PublicInput.com

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, or have difficulty with the Public Input comment portal, contact Lisa Wood at: SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov.

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SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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