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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 22-019: SIMCOE 5 BOUNDARY FENCING

Description of Proposal:

This project proposes to install boundary fencing along a new land acquisition within the Simcoe Mountains in Klickitat Wildlife Area. Approximately 1.84 miles of fence will be installed, including 4 stream crossings, 5 access gates and 19 end or corner posts. The fence will be installed in three sections. The fence will be constructed of steel t-posts and barbed wire at a height of 4.5 feet tall. T-posts will be spaced 12 feet apart and all fencing will clear span the streams.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Unit 5 of the WDFW Klickitat Wildlife Area, approximately 8 miles west of Bickleton, Klickitat County, Washington: Township 5N, Range 18E, Sections 10, 15, 16, and 17.

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 April 27, 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/Simcoe5Fencing>
- Email to: Simcoe5Fencing@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.

DATE OF ISSUE: April 13, 2022

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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