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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS) AND ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT (ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT)

Name of Proposal: DNS/Adoption 22-023: CALAWAH ROAD DECOMMISSIONING

Description of Proposal:

This project would decommission 1.5 miles of Forest Service (FS) Road 2900072 to minimize erosion and the threat of mass wasting and debris torrents into the Sitkum River. FS Road 2900072 decommission project elements include: removal of all stream crossing culverts and fills; construction of waterbars or other drainage features to reduce the potential for water diversion and restore hillslope hydrology; removal of unstable sidecast fill material where necessary; scarification of the road surface to improve infiltration and help restore soil productivity; constructing a berm to block vehicular access; and seeding, mulching, and reestablishing native vegetation to minimize erosion and sediment transport. All work would be done in accordance with FS guidelines, including provisions for preventing introduction of invasive plant species. None of the crossings are on fish-bearing streams. Spoils material from the decommission work will be placed in stable locations within the worksite. Road treatments would be completed with heavy equipment such as excavators, bulldozers, and dump trucks. Motorized machinery such as chainsaws, pumps, and other small equipment would be used as needed.

This project addresses a high priority restoration need as documented in the 2014 Calawah Road Decommissioning Environmental Assessment, the 2013 Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Plan, and 2020 North Pacific Coast Lead Entity Strategy. The restoration benefits of this project include the removal of a man-made threat of mass wasting to maintain the habitat and water quality in the Sitkum River and downstream reaches.

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Location of Proposal: 1.5 miles of FS Road 2900072 along the Sitkum River in the Calawah River watershed, near La Push, Clallam County, Washington: Township 28N, Range 10W, Sections 11 and 12.

Title of Document being Adopted: Final Environmental Assessment titled, “Calawah Watershed Road Decommissioning Project” with Final Decision Notice for that Environmental Assessment, which together make up the Environmental Assessment.

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

Date Adopted Document was Prepared: Environmental Assessment dated March 2014 and Decision Notice dated May 2, 2014.

Description of Document (or Portion) Being Adopted: The Environmental Assessment describes the decommissioning of several roads in the Calawah Watershed. This proposal is to decommission FS Road 2900072, one of the roads covered by the Environmental Assessment..

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.

This document is also available for review online at:

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/open-comments> and
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=38996>.

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 May 13, 2022**.

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 through one of the following ways:

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

Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

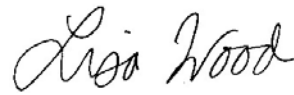
Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Habitat Program, Protection Division

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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/Adoption 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 29, 2022 **SIGNATURE:**

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Footnotes

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

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