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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 22-025: SIMILKAMEEN RIVER ACCESS AREAS
MAINTENANCE

Description of Proposal:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) proposes to complete maintenance activities at three (3) existing public access sites along the Similkameen River. Each site is owned and managed by WDFW. See specific scope of work for each site below. There is no work proposed below the ordinary high-water mark (OHWM).

Cutchie #1 is located off of Chopaka Rd. The existing site includes a single lane, gravel access road, and parking area. See Sheet 2 of the drawings set. The proposed project will grade and gravel the parking lot and entrance road. Specific maintenance activities include:

- Grade the entrance road to 12 ft wide (1,830 linear feet) and add additional gravel.
- Re-align the existing road in two locations further from the Similkameen River (240 linear feet).
 - The realignment of the road further from the river will abandon a section of road 154 ft long x 10 ft wide (1,540 SF). Gravel will be removed from the road surface and the soil will be scarified. Native seed will be placed on the bare soil.
- Add gravel (4" depth of compacted CSBC) and quarry spalls as shown on Sheet 2 of the drawing set.
- Grade and gravel the parking area (2400 SF existing, 2600 SF new, 5000 SF total).
- Mulch roadside shoulder, 6 ft on each side. Vegetation will be cut back using a tractor and mulching attachment, which will chip the vegetation. This will not cause ground disturbance.
- Leave all trees except one (1) black cottonwood at the fence line to be removed.
- Grade and gravel a path for hand launch boats (i.e., kayaks) above the OHWM. (80 SF).
- A kiosk will be installed near the parking area.

Cutchie #3 is located off of Loomis-Oroville Road. The existing site includes a single, gravel access road and parking area. See Sheet 3 of the drawings. The proposed project will grade and gravel the parking lot and entrance road. Specific maintenance activities include:

- Grade existing entrance road to 10 ft wide (300 linear ft).
- Grade remaining existing entrance road to 14 ft wide (450 linear feet).
- Add 4" of compacted CSBC gravel to the access road.
- Asphalt pave the road entrance apron at Loomis-Oroville Rd (500 SF).
- Grade and gravel the existing parking area (5,040 SF existing, 1,430 new: 6,470 total)

- Grade and install Geoweb material and gravel for a hand-carry boat launch trail above OHWM (8 ft x 90 ft).
- A kiosk will be installed near the parking area.

Cutchie #4 is located off of Loomis-Oroville Road. The existing site includes a single, gravel access road. See Sheet 4 of the drawing set. The proposed project will grade and gravel the parking lot and entrance road. Specific maintenance activities include:

- Grade existing gravel entrance road to 10 ft wide (205 linear feet, 1801 SF existing road, 962 SF new road).
- Grade and gravel the existing road approach (400 SF) off of Loomis-Oroville Rd.
- Add compacted CSBC gravel to a depth of 4”.
- Grade and gravel parking area over existing roads (1,083 SF existing; 3,917 SF new; 5,000 SF total).
- Install a small kiosk.
- Install barrier rock along parking and road edge.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Three WDFW access sites along the Similkameen River north of Loomis, Okanogan County, Washington: Township 40N, Range 25E, Sections 5 and 23; and Township 40N, Range 26E, Section 7.

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 18, 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/SimilkameenAccess>
- Email to: SimilkameenAccess@PublicInput.com

Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

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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: May 4, 2022

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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