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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 22-051: RULEMAKING TO PROTECT BIGHORN SHEEP FROM DISEASE TRANSMISSION

Description of Proposal:

WDFW proposes to enact a new rule to protect bighorn sheep from disease transmission from domestic sheep and goats by restricting visitors from bringing these domestic animals, e.g., pack goats, onto wildlife area units where bighorn sheep may be present. If adopted, these restrictions would be implemented with a combination of education, signage, and enforcement following the rule's enactment.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any:

WAC 220-500-045 would apply to select wildlife area units in Asotin, Chelan, Kittitas, Grant, Yakima, Okanagan, and Columbia Counties.

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 Agencies, tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 26 days of the date of this determination. The comment period will end at **11:59 pm on November 30, 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/SEPAsheepandgoats#1>
- Email to: SEPAsheepandgoats@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: November 16, 2022

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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