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**ADDENDUM 22-059 TO DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS) 20-038
DATED: AUGUST 20, 2020**

Name of Proposal: DNS 20-038: SWAKANE CANYON RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE

Description of Addendum 22-059:

All Swakane Canyon Rifle and Pistol Range site impacts were addressed and reviewed in DNS 20-038, but the work was phased due to funding and sequencing. WDFW is proceeding with construction of Phase 2 in 2023, and has issued this Addendum to document minor new information that does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts in the original determination DNS 20-038

Phase 1 of the Swakane Shooting Range was completed in 2020, per the design and narrative of the original SEPA 20-038.

Phase 2 of the project is tentatively planned for April 14 through August 17, 2023. Phase 2 consists of the construction of the pistol range at the existing Swakane Gun Range site (same as Phase 1). This will include placing a new concrete slab, erection of two steel shed/covers over the existing and new concrete slabs, and reshaping the existing berm for pistol bullet impact.

Phase 2 sequencing includes the following work:

1. Field stake project limits and grade stakes.
2. Install erosion control elements.
3. Bring in materials to add to, and reshape Bullet Impact berm and swales.
4. Excavate the footing area.
5. Install rebar in the footings.
6. Place concrete footing with anchor bolts in place.
7. Backfill footings and re-grade for the slab.
8. Erect steel structures (32.5ft x 15ft and 62.5ft x 15ft)
9. Place concrete slab (32.5ft x 15ft).
10. Re-finish final grades up to slabs.
11. Install seats.
12. Seed disturbed areas.
13. Remove erosion control.

Construction methods and equipment:

Construction equipment used will be tracked excavators and dozers for cut and full grading. A forklift or boom truck will be used to install the steel structures.

Berm material will be placed in lifts and compacted.

Rebar and concrete will be placed using proper industry standards.

The steel structures will be erected following the manufacturer's guidelines.
All disturbed areas will be returned to pre-construction grading levels.

Description of Original Proposal:

The Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) proposes to construct a shooting range in Swakane Canyon, part of the Swakane Unit of the Chelan Wildlife Area (WLA). The shooting range falls under the WLA management plan in Goal 9, Objective C. Goal 9 is to “support and maintain appropriate recreation opportunities,” while Objective C is to “develop options to lessen the conflicts among target shooters and other recreation user groups in the Swakane Canyon” (WDFW, 2018) Target shooting is already a popular activity at the Swakane Unit, “to such an extent that it is impacting wintering mule deer and precluding use of the canyon bottom for other recreation activities such as birding, hiking, and horseback riding” (WDFW, 2018).

The goal of the shooting range is to continue to provide recreation opportunities (target shooting) while reducing conflict between humans and wildlife (primarily mule deer using nearby overwintering habitat) and conflict between multiple user groups (target shooters and non-target shooters).

The shooting range will be constructed in two phases. Phase 1 will consist of creating a rifle range, and Phase 2 will consist of creating a pistol range. Phase 2 will be scheduled only after additional funding is secured.

Phase 1 sequencing:

1. Field stake project limits and grade stakes
2. Install erosion control elements
3. Clear and grub site area in phases as construction proceeds
4. Excavate site and use cut material as berm fill
5. Install subgrade and gravel surfacing parking area
6. Install concrete walkway and shooting pad
7. Install back berm material
8. Seed disturbed areas (excess material from phase 1 will be stockpiles and seeded)
9. Remove erosion control when site established

Construction Methods and equipment:

Construction equipment used will be tracked excavators and dozers for cut and fill grading.

Berm material will be placed in lifts and compacted.

Gravel will be placed by dozers and graders and compacted with rollers.

Material will be moved on site with dump trucks and loaders.

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Location of Proposal: Swakane Unit of the WDFW Chelan Wildlife Area, Swakane Canyon Road, approximately 7 miles north of Wenatchee, Chelan County, Washington: Township 24N, Range 20E, Section 22.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

This addendum is being distributed pursuant to WACs 197-11-600 and 197-11-625. The updated information provided above does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts in the existing environmental checklist. Based on the original DNS and the updated information provided in this addendum, we have determined that a new threshold determination is not warranted. There is no comment period associated with this SEPA addendum.

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Applicants may view the supporting documents for this addendum on the WDFW SEPA website: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/closed-final>.

If you have questions about this SEPA determination or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov.

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