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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 23-008: KLICKITAT WILDLIFE AREA – SIMCOE MOUNTAINS
UNIT BOUNDARY/INTERIOR FENCE

Description of Proposal:

Project is to install 24,866 linear feet of fence and a new cattleguard. New fence will be 4-wire fencing. Some of the fencing replaces old fence, and some is new boundary fence that will aid to control grazing cattle movement. All current access points on the Yakima Nation Property Boundary will remain outside the new fence, so that no current access points are affected by this project. Fencing will conform to NRCS standards regarding construction of end braces and H-Braces, with steel posts on regular spacings.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: North and south of Box Spring Road within the Simcoe Mountains Unit of the WDFW Klickitat Wildlife Area, approximately 9 miles west of Bickleton, Klickitat County, Washington:

- Township 6N, Range 18E, Sections 24 and 25
- Township 6N, Range 19E, Sections 19 and 30

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, 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 March 8, 2023.**

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/SimcoeFence>
- Email to: SimcoeFence@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.

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SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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