SEPA DNS 24-027 Scatter Creek Wildlife Area Oak Release and Prairie Restoration - North Unit Comment Period July 19, 2024 through 5:00 pm August 2, 2024.

Comment from Bonnie Blessing July 21, 2024, via PublicInput



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This public engagement portal provides an opportunity for the public and agencies with jurisdiction to comment on the SEPA determination issued for the proposal.

The Washington Legislature enacted the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) in 1971. The law requires state and local governments to consider environmental values during the decision-making process. The environmental review process in SEPA is designed to work with other regulations to provide a comprehensive review of a proposal. While most regulations focus on aspects of a proposal, SEPA requires the identification and evaluation of probable impacts on all elements of the environment. This SEPA comment period for this proposal runs concurrently with the comment period for the rule making, if any.

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Please provide your comments on the SEPA determination issued for the proposal. Your comments should be limited to the findings in the SEPA determination and any probable adverse impacts to the environment.

Closed for Comments



Bonnie Blessing Alot of thought put into your SEPA checklist. Beaver were widespread across the landscape and represent a natural condition that has been lost in so many places. I hope the beaver relocation program helps wildlife habitat and aquatic species. I hope the beaver do not introduce any beaver associated pathogens. Has anyone checked whether beaver dams increase water temperatures in their pools? If so, the water temperature is probably a natural condition. State Ecology is reviewing 'natural conditions' and benficial uses. Is this beaver introduction rule consistent with the natural conditions water temperature criteria? Can you just check in on that and communicate with Ecology staff on natural conditions, beaver dam pools and water temperature?