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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 24-033: LAKE LENORE SHOOTING RANGE

Description of Proposal:

The Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) proposes establishing a rifle and pistol shooting range in Grant County. The site is near Lake Lenore in the Sun Lakes Unit of the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area, where unauthorized shooting has occurred for many years. The goal of this project is to improve public safety, enhance user experience, and reduce the risk of wildfire starting. The range will include a parking area with an ADA parking stall, pathway, various ranges, a target pad, barrier rock, a maintenance gate, an annually managed fire line perimeter, signs, and kiosks. The parking area will be approximately 17,000 ft² and will be graded to flatten, and 4" crushed rock will be added to finish. Please see the project plans for details of the ranges and target pad. The main objective for all land use is to utilize the natural flatness and slope of the existing area. Our goal is to remove the least amount of material possible, and only grade to smooth out the terrain and add material where needed.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Sun Lakes Unit of the WDFW Columbia Basin Wildlife Area. The project is located near Lake Lenore off SR 17 approximately 5.4 miles north of Soap Lake, Grant County, Washington: Township 23N, Range 26E, Section 25.

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 determination according to state rules.² Agencies, tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this determination. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this document. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on September 3, 2024.**

Method of Comment:

SEPA documents related to this proposal can be reviewed at the WDFW SEPA website at: [SEPA documents available for public comment | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife](#).

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA determinations. 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: [Lake Lenore Shooting Range](#)
- Email to: LakeLenoreShootingRange@PublicInput.com

Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

Position/Title: SEPA Responsible Official and SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Director's Office


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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this determination on the WDFW SEPA website: [Final SEPA documents | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife](#). After 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 determination 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: August 20, 2024

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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