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**ADDENDUM 24-039 TO DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS) AND
ADOPTION 24-029 DATED: JULY 31, 2024**

Name of Proposal: ROZA DAM FISH LADDER SEDIMENT REMOVAL

Description of Addendum 24-039:

The project originally specified that a crane staged on adjacent roadway would conduct the sediment dredging below the OHWM of the Roza Pool (Yakima River). The crane contractor backed out of the project due to the presence of overhead powerlines within the project area. Due to this, the work will instead utilize an excavator to conduct the sediment dredging. The excavator will utilize temporary wetland mats composed of 6-inch by 12-inch wooden beams to access the dry riverbed in order to complete the sediment removal. All other project elements will remain the same.

Description of Original Proposal 24-029:

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to excavate up to 600 cubic yards of accumulated sediment adjacent to the low-flow fish ladder attraction flow intake and trashrack within the Roza Pool (Yakima River) at the Roza Diversion Dam. The proposed work would occur from October 18, 2024, to November 1, 2024, and October 17, 2025, to November 1, 2025, during the annual Roza Pool drawdown period, when the majority of the project area would be dry.

The low-flow fish ladder is used on a temporary basis each year to provide upstream passage for steelhead trout and coho salmon that may be migrating during the October to November maintenance period. Reclamation is responsible for ensuring that the fish ladder is open and functioning properly during the maintenance period. Sediment accumulates near the fish ladder as a result of slowing water velocities within the Roza Pool due to the impoundment. If the ladder is blocked or becomes impassable due to low flows or accumulation of sediments in front of the ladder exit, upstream passage will be delayed or impeded for those adult salmon and steelhead that are attempting to migrate upstream coincident with routine maintenance operations at the Roza facility. Reclamation previously conducted sediment removal within the project area from 2018-2021, and from 2006-2009.

WDFW adopted Reclamation's original 2018 NEPA Categorical Exclusion in DNS/Adoption 18-059: Roza Dam Sediment Removal. Reclamation issued a new Categorical Exclusion in 2024 with several changes to the project. WDFW has made a new Determination of Non-Significance and is adopting the new Categorical Exclusion.

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Location of Proposal: Roza Dam on the Yakima River, approximately 12 miles north of Yakima, Kittitas County, Washington: Township 15N, Range 19E, Sections 28 and 33.

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/Adoption 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 Addendum or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov.

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