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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 24-040: WENAS BULL PASTURE ROAD SEASONAL CLOSURE

Description of Proposal:

WDFW proposes to seasonally close motorized use for approximately 5 miles of the Bull Pasture Green Dot Road located in Yakima County. Signage including maps of the section seasonal closed will be posted at each entrance of the green dot road and 2 gates will be installed to restrict motorized access during the closure period. Walk in access for hunting, hiking, horseback riding or other forms of recreation in the area will remain open during the motorized closed season. The closure will prevent and protect the surrounding environment and wildlife from damage caused by off-road motorized use during winter and early spring months when soils are muddy. It will have a positive impact by protecting the overall quality of the road, which the users will appreciate during the months the road will remain open for use, especially during big game hunting seasons.

After review it appears that the proposal meets the SEPA exemption in WAC 197-11-800((5)(c)), but WDFW is proceeding with a SEPA review anyway for transparency and notification.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Bull Pasture Road on the WDFW Wenas Wildlife Area, approximately 9 miles north of Selah, Yakima County, Washington: Township 15N, Range 18E, Sections 16, 17, 20, 21, and 27.

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 23, 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: [Bull Pasture Road Closure](#)
- Email to: BullPastureRoadClosure@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: September 9, 2024

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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