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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 24-045: VIOLET PRAIRIE NEW TRAILHEAD DEVELOPMENT

**Description of Proposal:**

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) proposes to develop a new property acquisition at the Violet Prairie Wildlife Area (WLA) to allow public recreational use. Prior to WDFW ownership, this property was used as a privately owned alpaca/llama farm. WDFW purchased this property after all livestock had been vacated. The intent of this project is to convert a recently acquired alpaca farm into a recreation area trailhead consisting of three (3) parking lots and a restroom.

Construction of the parking areas will include demolition and disposal of several existing structures. Other existing structures are proposed to be removed as well; including 12 loafing sheds (one wall with slanted roof), one (1) large barn, one (1) small shed, and one (1) equipment shed, and one (1) wooden feeding trough.

The development of this public access includes construction of three (3) parking areas and associated stormwater improvements: one (1) on an existing asphalt pad (main lot), one (1) on an existing concrete pad (barn slab). A new vault toilet is proposed on the existing barn footprint as well. A new gravel parking area for cars and small trucks is also proposed (upper lot). This will be 4,752 SF of new gravel. The other proposed features will be located on existing impervious surface. See Impervious Quantities Table.

Main and upper parking lots shall have one (1) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant parking stall each. The asphalt road loop between main and lower parking lots will be widened with gravel to accommodate horse trailer parking, and the upper parking lot access road will receive minor improvements. This will be 4,698 SF of new asphalt. See Impervious Quantities Table. Access routes and staging areas will be limited to the extent necessary.

Both electrical and water lines exit at the Main Barn site and will be retained for use. A new 170' x 2' W x 3.5' D trench will be dug along the north edge of the Main Barn parking area. A new power pole will be installed near the proposed vault toilet at the Main Barn parking area which will provide lighting of the area at night. This will increase security on site.

Known hazardous materials were removed prior to the purchase of the property.

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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** WDFW Scatter Creek Wildlife Area, Violet Prairie Unit, 16701 Old Hwy 99 SE, Tenino, Thurston County, Washington: Township 16N, Range 2W, Section 26.

**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 law<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> 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 October 2, 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: [Violet Prairie Trailhead](#)
- Email to: [VioletPrairieTrailhead@PublicInput.com](mailto:VioletPrairieTrailhead@PublicInput.com)

**Responsible Official:** Jamie Lee

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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.<sup>1</sup>

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](mailto:SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov).

**DATE OF ISSUE:** September 18, 2024      **SIGNATURE:** *Jamie Lee*

Footnotes

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

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