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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 24-054: DRAFT SIMCOE MOUNTAINS UNIT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PLAN

**Description of Proposal:**

WDFW proposes to implement a Management Plan for the Simcoe Mountains Unit on just over 10,000 acres using best and adaptive management practices to achieve fish, wildlife, and habitat conservation measures; protect cultural resources; allow for compatible recreational uses; maintain or improve hydrologic processes; and manage forestry and grazing that support cultural, fish and wildlife habitat conservation, recreation, and working land values.

The Simcoe Mountains Unit Property Management Plan was developed using the established guidelines of the Coordinated Resources Management (CRM) process. The Simcoe Mountains Unit CRM community process was initiated in September 2016 by the Eastern Klickitat Conservation District (EKCD), Central Klickitat Conservation District (CKCD), and the WDFW. The CRM planning process was designed to provide a collaborative approach to the development of an adaptive property management plan for the Simcoe Mountains Unit of the Klickitat Wildlife Area to include components for each of the following Conservation Values: Recreational Values, Fish Habitat Values, Wildlife Habitat Values, Water Quality, Quantity, and Hydrology Values, and Working Lands Values, including grazing and forestry.

The final Simcoe Mountains Unit Management Plan will be included as an addendum to the Klickitat Wildlife Area Management Plan, though the process of writing the content of the Simcoe Mountains Unit Management Plan is unique and distinct from the other portions of the Klickitat Wildlife Area Plan.

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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Simcoe Mountains Unit of the WDFW Klickitat Wildlife Area, approximately 15 miles east of Goldendale, Klickitat County, Washington: multiple sections within Township 5N, Range 18E and Township 6N, Range 18E.

**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 30 days of the date of this document. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on December 20, 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. Please submit your comments online through one of the following ways:

- Online at the Public Input comment portal for this proposal: [Simcoe Management Plan](#)
- Email to: [SimcoeManagementPlan@PublicInput.com](mailto:SimcoeManagementPlan@PublicInput.com)

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>

**Responsible Official:** Lisa Wood

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

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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:** November 20, 2024

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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

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