

SEPA¹ Environmental Checklist

Purpose of checklist

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization, or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. **You may use “not applicable” or “does not apply” only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown.** You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to **all parts of your proposal**, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for lead agencies

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B, plus the Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions (Part D). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in “Part B: Environmental Elements” that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/Checklist-guidance>

A. Background

[Find help answering background questions²](https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-A-Background)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Winchester RAA Restoration Phase 3

2. Name of applicant:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife; Sean Dougherty District 5 Wildlife Biologist

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

1550 Alder St NW, Ephrata WA 98823 509-754-4624 x252

4. Date checklist prepared:

2/5/2025

5. Agency requesting checklist:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

6. Proposed timing of schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

Phase 1 completed in 2019 (DNS 18-012)

Phase 2 completed in 2021 (SEPA not required)

Phase 3 to begin construction in June 2026

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

At this time all phases for wetland enhancements have been completed and no other plans in place aside from maintenance

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

Multiple grants have been secured for this project including multiple private donations to project partner Ducks Unlimited in support of the project

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

US Bureau of Reclamation will prepare an Environmental Assessment in 2026, prior to the start of construction

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

HPA, US Army Corp of Engineer Permits 404 and 10, Dept of Ecology 401 permit

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on

² <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-A-Background>

this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

WDFW proposes to improve wetland habitat to increase use by waterfowl and other wetland species and provide additional opportunities for hunters. The long-term goals are to improve water management, increase wetland function, increase palustrine emergent marsh habitat in an area heavily utilized by waterfowl and expand the number of acres available to support migrating, nesting, and brood rearing waterfowl and shorebirds. This proposal represents Phase 3 of work along the Winchester Wasteway and will restore an additional 54 acres of wetland hydrology by improving water delivery infrastructure, allowing managers to better mimic natural ephemeral wetlands using more effective water management. Phase I (completed in 2020) was funded by DU (\$34,362), WDFW (\$304,000) and small NAWCA (\$100,000) for restoring and enhancing 173 acres of wetlands. That phase included accomplished restoration of 50 acres of wetlands north of the WRAA with excavations, and earthwork in the Winchester Game Reserve to create a new water delivery ditch to supply water into the Winchester Regulated Access Area (WRAA), to enhance flows into all the wetland units (123 acres, claimed in Phase I). However, the improved water flow did not rehydrate all the wetland basins within the WRAA (the additional 54 acres proposed for restoration here), due to reasons stated above. Since that time, WDFW has managed the WRAA for waterfowl and public access, including partnering with a local irrigation district to maintain all the delivery ditches, and reducing invasive weeds within the WRAA. However, WDFW and partners still desire to expand this important area by further restoring the additional 54 acres. Phase II (completed in 2022) did not work within the WRAA, but an area to the north. Phase II was funded by NAWCA (\$100,000), WDFW (\$300,659), DU (\$14,190), Pheasants Forever (\$1,270) and WA Waterfowl Association (\$1,000), and accomplished restoration of 15 acres of wetlands with excavations, enhancement of 96 acres of wetlands by removing invasive Russian Olive trees and restoring 48 acres of uplands.

The work proposed in this Phase III is a return to the WRAA, with a plan to dramatically benefit all the acres in the main part of the WRAA (123 acres) and restore/re-establish the additional 54 acres, which lie mostly to the south of the main area, that have remained dry prior to Phase I completion. We propose to remove a degraded inlet structure, extend the main water delivery ditch, widen the main ditch to increase the flow capacity, upgrade water control structures, and add new structures and water delivery swales to manage water within the new/re-established acres. This will also allow for longer periods of water retention during both fall and spring migration. Additionally, WDFW staff will continue to manage exotic and invasive weeds and utilize moist soil management to enhance forage for migratory species. After Phase III is completed the restored/enhanced wetland corridor available to migratory birds will span approximately 2.5 miles (North to South) and encompass a total area of approximately 1,000 acres.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by

the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

47.056945 N, -119.625250 W; S13 T18 R25 and S18 T18 R26; Grant County, see attached map. The project area is located approximately 15 miles West-Southwest of Moses Lake, WA and 10 miles East-Southeast of George, WA

B.Environmental Elements

1. Earth

[Find help answering earth questions³](#)

a. General description of the site:

The area was shrub-steppe habitat prior to Columbia Basin Irrigation Project bringing water to the area in the 1940/50's, which created an irrigation wasteway and wetlands. Wetlands are currently managed to provide waterfowl habitat and other wetland obligate wildlife species.

Current upland vegetation is predominantly rabbitbrush, sagebrush, wheatgrass, cheatgrass (invasive non-native), goldenrod, crispy dock, Russian thistle (invasive non-native) and other upland weeds.

Emergent wetland vegetation is predominantly common reed (invasive non-native), cattail, bulrush, reed canary grass (invasive non-native), and baltic rush. Forage plants species are encouraged throughout the wetlands by active management, water manipulation and seeding.

Circle or highlight one: Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other:

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

1%

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them, and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

Sandy

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

³ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-earth>

No

- e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.**

There will be approximately 8,276.1 CYs of material moved within existing wetlands. These materials will be used to level wetland basins or to create a dike to prevent flooding in agricultural fields to the south.

- f. Could erosion occur because of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.**

Potentially but erosion would be limited by using silt fences and reestablishing vegetation soon after construction is complete

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?**

0%

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any.**

Erosion will be minimal, and vegetation will be established after construction

2. Air

[Find help answering air questions](#)⁴

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.**

Emissions from earth-moving equipment would be released during construction; although would be short-lived and within air quality standard limits.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.**

No

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:**

Equipment will be maintained in good operating condition

⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-Air>

3. Water

[Find help answering water questions](#)⁵

a. Surface:

[Find help answering surface water questions](#)⁶

- 1. Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.**

The project site is a series of wetlands within close proximity to Winchester Wasteway. The Winchester Wasteway is a vital artery of the Columbia Basin Irrigation Project, and its purpose is to carry irrigation run-off from hundreds of acres of agricultural lands to Potholes Reservoir.

- 2. Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.**

The proposed work will restore 54 wetland acres in an area that is open to the public adjacent to the Winchester Wasteway. (See Attachments)

- 3. Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.**

There will be approximately 8,276.1 Cubic Yards of material moved within the wetland, to smooth wetland bottoms and better facilitate water conveyance. These materials will be used to level wetland basins or to create a dike to prevent flooding in agricultural fields to the south of the project area.

- 4. Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

No

- 5. Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.**

No

- 6. Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.**

⁵ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water>

⁶ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water/Environmental-elements-Surface-water>

No

b. Ground:

[Find help answering ground water questions](#)⁷

1. Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

No

2. Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

N/A

c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):

1. Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

N/A; construction will occur during low/de-watered conditions

2. Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

No

3. Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

No

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

1. N/A

4. Plants

[Find help answering plants questions](#)

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

⁷ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water/Environmental-elements-Groundwater>

- evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- shrubs
- grass
- pasture
- crop or grain
- orchards, vineyards, or other permanent crops.
- wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

Vegetation will be minimally disturbed

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

None

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any.

WDFW will revegetate with native plants and annual forage plants preferred by waterfowl

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

Russian olive, yellow flag iris, Russian knapweed, diffuse knapweed, purple loosestrife, Phragmites, kochia, and Russian thistle

5. Animals

[Find help answering animal questions⁸](https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-5-Animals)

a. List any birds and other animals that have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include:

- **Birds:** hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- **Mammals:** deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
- **Fish:** bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

The area is a valuable waterfowl area with nearby wetlands used for breeding, nesting, migration stop-over, and wintering waterfowl. Many additional wildlife

⁸ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-5-Animals>

species use the wetlands year-round as well. The project area is near a WDFW game reserve that is extensively used by waterfowl, annual winter counts range from 10,000-30,000 mallards and an additional 1,000-30,000 additional waterfowl species. Hunters, wildlife viewers, and other outdoor recreationists use the property to hike, participate in birding, and other activities year-round.

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

none

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

Yes, waterfowl and wetland obligate species stopover

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any.

The proposed measure will enhance wetland function, increase forage availability and increase the amount of early successional wetland acres available to migrating birds.

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

American bullfrog

6. Energy and natural resources

[Find help answering energy and natural resource questions](#)⁹

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

None

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

No

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any.

Equipment will be maintained in good operating condition

7. Environmental health

[Health Find help with answering environmental health questions](#)¹⁰

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur because of this proposal? If so, describe.

⁹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-6-Energy-natural-resou>

¹⁰ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-7-Environmental-health>

1. Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

None

2. Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

None

3. Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

None

4. Describe special emergency services that might be required.

None

5. Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.

N/A

b. Noise

1. What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

Construction equipment will be used during project construction

2. What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site)?

Construction, during daylight hours

3. Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

The site is more than 1 mile away from any occupied dwellings, and construction will only occur during daylight hours

8. Land and shoreline use

[Find help answering land and shoreline use questions](https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-8-Land-shoreline-use)¹¹

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

¹¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-8-Land-shoreline-use>

No impacts will occur to adjacent properties, and to ensure that newly inundated wetlands do not impact adjacent parcels a dike will be constructed on the south end of the project.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses because of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?**

No

- 1. Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how?**

No

- c. Describe any structures on the site.**

No Structures on site

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?**

No

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?**

Rural Lands – Rural Remote

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?**

The site is currently used for public recreation

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?**

Not Applicable

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.**

No

- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?**

0

- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?**

0

- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any.**

N/A

- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any.**

N/A

- m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:**

N/A

9. Housing

[Find help answering housing questions](#)¹²

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**

N/A

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**

N/A

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:**

N/A

10. Aesthetics

[Find help answering aesthetics questions](#)¹³

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?**

There are no proposed structures

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?**

N/A

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:**

N/A

11. Light and glare

[Find help answering light and glare questions](#)¹⁴

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?**

¹² <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-9-Housing>

¹³ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-10-Aesthetics>

¹⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-11-Light-glare>

N/A

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?**

No

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?**

None

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:**

N/A

12. Recreation

[Find help answering recreation questions](#)

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?**

The site is owned by US Bureau of Reclamation, managed by WA Department of Fish and Wildlife as a Waterfowl use area

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.**

No

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:**

These efforts would improve and increase recreation

13. Historic and cultural preservation

[Find help answering historic and cultural preservation questions](#)¹⁵

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.**

No

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.**

No

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and**

¹⁵ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-13-Historic-cultural-p>

the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

Cultural Resource Assessment and compliance is currently underway.

- d. **Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.**

All project affiliates will follow Cultural resource guidance and the WDFW inadvertent discovery plan for

14. Transportation

[Find help with answering transportation questions](#)¹⁶

- a. **Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.**

None

- b. **Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?**

No

- c. **Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle, or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).**

No

- d. **Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.**

No

- e. **How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?**

The site is open year-round to public recreation

- f. **Will the proposal interfere with, affect, or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.**

No

- g. **Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:**

N/A

¹⁶ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-14-Transportation>

15. Public services

[Find help answering public service questions¹⁷](#)

- a. **Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.**

No

- b. **Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.**

N/A

16. Utilities

[Find help answering utilities questions¹⁸](#)

- a. **Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other:**

None

- b. **Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.**

None

C. Signature

[Find help about who should sign¹⁹](#)

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

X Sean Q Dougherty

Type name of signee: Sean Dougherty

Position and agency/organization: District 5 Wildlife Biologist, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Date submitted: 2/6/2025

¹⁷ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-15-public-services>

¹⁸ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-16-utilities>

¹⁹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-C-Signature>