



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE
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DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Name of Proposal: REARDAN / AUDUBON LAKE VIEWING BLINDS

Description of Proposal: The proposed project will provide ADA accessible wildlife viewing opportunities at Audubon Lake. This site contains the only significant year-round water source in this vicinity and supports a large and diverse number of wildlife species. Recreational opportunities within Lincoln County and especially the local area would be greatly enhanced by this project. The proposed site improvements are:

1. Construct two viewing blinds overlooking the north and south shore of Audubon Lake. These blinds will be set partially into the hillside to minimize aesthetic impacts and wildlife disturbance. Each viewing blind be 15 feet wide by 30 feet long and placed a minimum of 300 feet from existing wetlands.
2. Create two gravel parking lots for each viewing area (blind). Both gravel lots will be two acres in size and use an informal parking arrangement. Both sites are level and require only a minimal amount of grading to prepare for a gravel base and crushed surfacing.
3. One CXT vault toilet will be installed in each parking area for a total of two toilets. These toilets will be ADA accessible.
4. Construct two trails to provide access from the parking area to the viewing blind. Each trail will be ADA compliant and grade will not exceed 5%. The 1100 linear foot long north trail will follow the fence line and require some minor grading to remain within the 5% grade maximum. To access the south blind the south trail will require approximately 200 linear feet of fill material (or wooden decking) to provide a 5% gradual incline. The south trail is 1000 linear feet long and gains 10 feet in elevation over its course. Each trail will be 5 ft wide and surfaced with asphalt.
5. Native vegetation will be planted along each trail to provide discreet entry to each blind to minimize wildlife disturbance and maximize viewing opportunities. Plant species will be selected based on their ability to serve as a natural barrier to line-of-sight intrusions on wildlife habitat. Plant species include:

This project will be done in two phases. Phase 1 will involve construction of both parking lots and the installation of a vault toilet in the south parking area. Phase 2 will consist of installing the vault toilet in the north parking area, constructing the viewing blinds, building the trails, and planting native vegetation along the trails.

Proponent:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: This site is located on the north side of and adjacent to Reardan City Limits, Reardan, Washington, 99029, Lincoln County, Section 10, Township 25 North, Range 39 East.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **January 22, 2007**

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