



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

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Name of Proposal: BOYD BROWN DIVERSION REMOVAL AND IRRIGATION
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Description of Proposal: This proposal includes installing irrigation pipeline and converting from flood irrigation practices to a sprinkler system, increasing the delivery efficiency of irrigation water for the water users. Ultimately, this project will result in the elimination of entrainment of threatened fish into the irrigation system; it will keep approximately 1.5 cfs in the lowest 0.3-mile of Rattlesnake Creek, and decrease conveyance water loss in the irrigation system. Native vegetation will be planted in disturbed areas of Rattlesnake Creek to provide bank stability and increased riparian function.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: The proposed project is located near Rattlesnake Creek, a tributary to the Naches River (River Mile 27.8) in WRIA 38.

- The ringwell will be located in T 15N, R 15E, Section 2, WM, Parcel #15150232400; Latitude: 46.815806; Longitude: -120.926000
- The gravity diversion is located in T 15N, R 15E Section 3 WM, about 1000 feet upstream from the confluence with the Naches River. The current diversion is 50 feet upstream of the Nile Road bridge on the right bank (River Mile 0.3 Rattlesnake Creek); Latitude: 46.81552200; Longitude: -120.94822670
- The irrigation pipeline and associated infrastructure will encompass a small portion of T 15N, R 15E, Section 11, WM.

From Yakima, take Highway 12 west to Highway 410. Continue on Highway 410, and turn left on Nile Road. The project site is located at the intersection of Nile Road and Bethel Ridge Road where the Nile Road Bridge crosses Rattlesnake Creek.
1050 Nile Road Naches, WA 98936

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: **March 20, 2007**

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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DATE OF ISSUE: March 13, 2007 **SIGNATURE:** 

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