



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

**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**Name of Proposal:** BEEBE SPRINGS NATURAL AREA DEVELOPMENT- PHASE 2

**Description of Proposal:** The proposal involves design and construction (Phase2) on a portion of the 64-acre property adjacent to US97 and across the road from the Chelan fish Hatchery. WDFW recently purchased the property, a former orchard, and a schematic plan was prepared for the site. Based on stakeholder and other input, the overall project (all phases) involves development of a natural area including a system of habitat restoration and off-channel fish-rearing habitat, vistas for wildlife viewing, shrub-steppe habitat, trails, passive recreation, interpretive signage, educational opportunities and visitor parking, and a possible restroom/concessions area. Additional work is planned on the hatchery side of US 97 involving trails, shrub-steppe restoration and a children's fishing pond.

Phase 2 work (approx 26 acres) involves the following components: construction of public use amenities, trails, viewpoints, a new site access off US 97 and public parking, native vegetation establishment on the new Beebe Springs Creek channel, adjacent shrub-steppe vegetation enhancement and off-channel or side channel habitat. An American Disabilities Act compliant trail loop will lead from the parking area to restored habitat features on the property. Four view points will be sited to provide opportunities for visitors to observe salmon and steelhead life stages. Restoration of native shrub-steppe and riparian habitats will occur on property surrounding Beebe Springs Creek. Off-channel habitat will be created north of the creek mouth and along Lake Entiat. Visitor amenities will include an information kiosk adjacent to the parking area, interpretive signage to be placed around the site, and an outdoor classroom area that will serve as a gathering place for groups. The new access off US 97 is being coordinated with WSDOT (lane widening and taper) along with another maintenance access point. The parking lot will be partially completed in Phase 2 finished in later phases when additional funding is obtained. Phase 1 (Beebe Creek Realignment Project, including main channel and new channel, and the Schematic Plan) has been completed.

**The following documents are incorporated by reference and are available on line at :**  
<http://wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>

Wetland Report 2007

Soil Sampling Report 2007

Biological Assessment 2007

Appendix A- Fish and Wildlife Habitat and Species information

Appendix B- Site Photos

Appendix C- Site Drawings

Beebe Springs BA Action Area

**Proponent/Applicant:**

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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Location of Proposal, including street, if any:**

Approximately 2.5 miles southeast of the City of Chelan and along SR-97 near the Chelan Fish Hatchery operated by WDFW. It is situated next to the Columbia River (Lake Entiat) and just upstream from the Beebe Bridge on SR-97. Washington, Chelan County; Section 20, Township 27 North, Range 23 East WM

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will have no probable significant adverse impacts on the environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). We made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after review of the environmental checklist and other information on file with us. This information is available to the public on request.

Agencies, affected tribes and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal.

We issued this DNS under WAC 197-11-340(2). We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date of issuance of this DNS. If you have comments about this DNS or this proposal, we must receive your comments by **May 09, 2007**.

When you send us your comments, please provide the name of proposal in your comment letter and mail it to:

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You can also send your comments via email to: [SEPAdesk@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk@dfw.wa.gov)

You can also send you comments via fax to: (360) 902-2946.

If you have questions about details of the proposal, contact: Ron Fox-(509) 665-3383

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**DATE OF ISSUE:** April 25, 2007 **SIGNATURE:**

