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ADDENDUM TO DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

DATED: April 30, 2007

Name of DNS: WHISKEY DICK GRAZING PERMIT

Description of DNS: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) grazing management plan for the Whiskey Dick Wildlife Area (WA) is part of a larger, 62,000-acre Coordinated Resource Management (CRM) planning process. Ownership in the CRM project area is a mixture of public and private landowners, including Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), Washington Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Puget Sound Energy (PSE), and American Minerals.

Under the CRM plan, there are four pastures available for the 2008 and 2009 grazing seasons. Of these, two pastures, Lonestar (5,377 ac) and Rocky Coulee (3,041 ac) are located in the Rocky Coulee drainage within the Whiskey Dick WA and contain WDFW, WDNR, and BLM ownership. These pastures will be available for 160 AUMs of livestock grazing for a 30-day period between April 1 and May 15. In 2010, for the third year of grazing, either the Lonestar pasture will be removed from the grazing schedule for the year or both Lonestar and Rocky Coulee pastures will have a shorter, earlier grazing period to ensure compliance with the HB 1309 Ecosystem Standards for State-Owned Agricultural and Grazing Land (ESAC 1994). The grazing permit may be renewed every 5 years provided objectives are being achieved. Under the CRM, PSE will provide grazing on the Wild Horse Wind Project to meet the anticipated AUM needs. No livestock grazing will occur on the WA outside of the Lonestar and Rocky Coulee pastures. Only cattle grazing is permitted.

Livestock watering troughs at four locations are scheduled to be replaced, and some of the pipes that deliver water to the troughs will be replaced by the permittee with funding provided by the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). As per EQIP standards the new troughs will be installed over a six-inch layer of washed gravel that extends around the trough approximately six feet.

Proponent/Applicant:

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

The project area is approximately 15 miles east of Ellensburg. The Lonestar and Rocky Coulee pastures of the Whiskey Dick WA are located about two miles northwest of the town of Vantage in eastern Kittitas County. Specifically, the pastures lie within portions of Sections 11, 12, 13, and 14 of Township 17 North, Range 21 East, and Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21,

and 22 of Township 17 North, Range 22 East, Willamette Meridian.

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

WDFW is providing updated information on this project that may be of interest to other agencies or the public. The updated information provided below does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts in the existing environmental checklist.

The original Determination of Nonsignificance dated April 30, 2007, should be modified to reflect the following change:

If you have comments about this DNS or this proposal, we must receive your comments by ~~May 14, 2007~~ May 29, 2007

Based on the original environmental checklist and the updated information provided in this addendum, we have determined that a new threshold determination is not warranted. There is no comment period associated with this SEPA environmental checklist addendum.

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