



State of Washington

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** CURRIER CREEK DIVERSION BARRIER REMOVAL (5)

**Description of Proposal:** Five partial fish migration barriers exist within a one-mile reach of Currier Creek in Kittitas County. A single landowner owns the property just west of the creek, along the right bank and has agreed to the removal of these old irrigation diversion dams that are no longer in use and no longer have water rights associated with them. This surrounding land use has historically been farmed for the production of hay. The area is being converted into more suburban and urban uses, with residential development integrated with protected riparian open space. The developer is working with KCT and other natural resource entities to enhance in stream and riparian habitat through this reach. The five barriers are described in more detail in the checklist attached. In general, all of the nonnative material will be removed at each site and the disturbed areas will be protected from erosion using erosion control fabric and native vegetation plantings. Clean gravels and cobbles will be added to the streambed to fill in large voids caused by removal of concrete structures and prevent further incision of the stream channel.

#### Proponent/Applicant:

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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** The five diversion structures are located along Currier Creek, northwest of Ellensburg, Kittitas County. The diversions are north of the Dry Creek Connector Road (Old Highway 10) and south of the intersection with Ellensburg Water Company's Town Canal, Ellensburg, Washington, Kittitas County; Section 22, 28, Township 18 North, Range 18 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 **October 23, 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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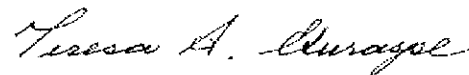
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