



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** WDFW WOOTEN WILDLIFE AREA LARGE WOOD STREAM HABITAT PROJECT

**Description of Proposal:** The project is to add large wood structures to the Tucannon R., Cummins Creek, and Tum-a-lum Creek (including tributaries) for instream fish habitat to these streams in the Wooten Wildlife Area. WDFW staff has identified and marked (GPS and flagged) dead riparian trees that were burned in the 2005 School Fire. The trees identified meet Washington State Stream Habitat Guideline criteria for key elements for large wood structures (log jams). WDFW will partner with USFS sawyers who are required to situationally cut down trees to maintain their certification for cutting trees during fire fighting. Biologist will accompany the sawyers to direct how each logjam is dropped in the stream. The Snake Region Salmon Recovery Report identifies large woody debris as a limiting factor for salmonids in these streams. Additionally, large wood is the limiting factor that promotes habitat complexity in stream and many of the limiting habitats for the area streams, such as, pools and side channels

**Proponent/Applicant:**

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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** The project will occur within the boundaries of the Washington State Wooten Wildlife Area. Township 9N, Range 41E, Sections 1,2,3, 10 &15. Township 10N, Range 41E, Sections 13,14,16,21,22,23,26,27,34,35,36, Washington, Garfield and Columbia Counties; EastWM

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

WDFW has determined that this proposal likely will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law<sup>1</sup> does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us. If you want to review this information, please contact WDFW at the address below.

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

We issued this DNS according to state rules.<sup>2</sup> We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. If you have comments about this DNS or the proposal, you must send your comments to us so that we receive them within 14 days. This means we must receive your comments by **July 30, 2008**.

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

**Responsible Official:** Teresa A. Eturaspe

**Position/Title:** SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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You can also send your comments via email to [SEPAdesk@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk@dfw.wa.gov), or via fax to (360) 902-2946.

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

**DATE OF ISSUE:** July 16, 2008

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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**Distribution of Environmental Document:**

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