



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: YAKIMA CANYON ACCESS SITE

Description of Proposal:

This project includes the improvement of a primitive access site in the Yakima River Canyon near Roza Dam. The specific components of this project are:

1. Pave the entrance to the access site to meet WSDOT guidelines.
2. Install a vault toilet and a paved parking pad next to the toilet to provide ADA parking and accessibility.
3. Grade and gravel access road and parking areas at this site. Install barrier rock to control access.
4. Cut the top of the gravel bank at existing boat launch to attain a 15% grade.
5. Convert an informal dirt road on this site into a paved ADA accessible interpretive trail. This trail will be 5 feet wide.
6. Construct a 10' by 20' concrete wildlife viewing pad and an ADA accessible parking pad next to the viewing pad.
7. Install 4 strand smooth wire fence at Highway Right-of-Way.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: The Yakima River Canyon Access Site is located on the west side of SR 821 at milepost 8. This is two miles north of Roza Dam and directly across from Roza Road intersection with SR 821. The project site is in Kittitas County, Section 21, Township 15 North, Range 19 East. The parcel number is 174133.

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 law¹ 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.² 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 **August 1, 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, 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 17, 2008 **SIGNATURE:** 

Footnotes

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

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