



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: WEATHERLY ELK FENCE EXTENSION

Description of Proposal: This project consists of construction of approximately 3 miles of 8-foot high elk fence in Asotin County along Tam Tam Ridge. This fence replaces an existing barbwire fence.

Construction will consist of embedding treated wood fence posts 2.5' into the ground and stapling 8' tall 6" x 6" wire mesh to them. Some 12' wide swing gates and some one-way gates will be installed at their original locations. Where posts cannot be buried due to the rocky soil, rockjacks will be constructed to provide fence stability (see the drawings for a rockjack example). Due to the remote location of parts of this fence, materials may be brought to the fence site by helicopter. Equipment used will be restricted to hand operated tools only. Please see attached plans for construction techniques and design.

The access road to this section of fence will be graded in spots (remove rocks and smooth the road) to allow better access. This road originates at Dry Gulch Road.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: The site is accessed from Asotin Creek Road. Private land must be crossed to reach this site. Fence repair will occur on private property as well as land owned by the Washington Department of Natural Resources.

The work will be in County: Asotin, Washington; Section 1 & 2 of T9N, R43E; Sections 4, 5 & 6 of T9N, R44E; Sections 31 and 32 of T10N, R44E, W.M.

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 **September 23, 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: September 9, 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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