



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: POGUE MOUNTAIN FIRE SALVAGE AND RESTORATION

Description of Proposal: Ground based logging operation, consisting of hand felling and the use of feller processors, feller bunchers and self-loading forwarders, to salvage burned timber after the Green Lake fire and reforest with conifer and /or browse species for wildlife. There are 450 timber acres burned on WDFW to be salvaged in sections 17,18,19, and 20 in T34, R26 and Section 13 and 24 in T34, R25. The total fire acreage was 754 on WDFW lands. The goal is to remove salvageable timber from the burned area and replant conifer and shrub species, where necessary. In addition we want to remove all hazard or safety trees near access roads, power lines or campgrounds. WDFW wishes to do this in a timely manner before timber values are reduced due to cracks, check, bluestain and other forms of defect. We will be using existing roads and access areas.

Proponent/Applicant:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
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1514 Conconully Hwy
Okanogan, WA 98840

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Washington, Okanogan County; Section 17,18,19, 20, Township 34 North, Range 26 East and Section 13,24, Township 34North, Range 25 East WM

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 **November 17, 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.

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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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