



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: COLEMAN CREEK FISH PASSAGE, SCREENING AND IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT-RM 1.03

Description of Proposal:

Currently, this irrigation diversion is unscreened and is a fish passage barrier. With implementation of this project, a NMFS and WDFW approved fish screen will protect fish life from entrainment and the existing barrier will be removed, providing access to another ½ mile of stream. Additional plans are underway to enhance the irrigation practices at the next unscreened diversion that is a fish passage barrier and that diversion will be abandoned such that another ½ mile of Coleman Creek is accessible to juvenile and adult fish. About four rock weirs will be constructed instream to maintain grade and allow fish passage. Scour pools will be excavated on the downstream side of each weir. With completion of this project, a mile of habitat will be opened up for juvenile and adult passage, instream flows will be enhanced with the addition of trust water, and irrigation water will be properly screened to protect fish life from entrainment.

Proponent/Applicant:

Kittitas County Conservation District (KCCD)

KCCD Manager, Anna Lael

607 Mountain View

Ellensburg, WA 98926

- **Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Approximately 3 miles southeast, Ellensburg, Washington, Kittitas County; Section 17 & 20, Township 17 North, Range 19 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 **December 24, 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: December 10, 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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