



State of Washington

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** GRANDY CREEK WELL DECOMMISSIONING

**Description of Proposal:** This project involves the decommissioning of five test wells that were drilled in anticipation of constructing a steelhead acclimation facility at Grandy Creek. This project was canceled and now the test wells need to be decommissioned. Three of the wells are now in the river channel due to bank erosion. DOE mandates decommissioning of wells and removal for public safety. The specific components of this project are:

1. Install 24 steel pilings with a vibratory hammer beyond the stream bank into the river channel, and build a temporary working platform on top of these pilings.
2. Remove five well casings and fill the void with Bentonite. A crane will be driven to the well locations and used to remove the casings. Two wells are located far enough away from the river bank to be in- accessible from land. A crane will be operated from the work platform to access the other three well casings.
3. Remove work platform and steel pilings from river channel.
4. Restore disturbed areas by planting native shrubs and trees.

**Proponent/Applicant:**

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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** The Grandy Creek site is located at the confluence of Grandy Creek and the Skagit River at River Mile (RM) 46, approximately six miles west of Concrete, Washington in the eastern half of **Section 15, Township 35 North, Range 7 East WM**. The 32.7-acre site is owned by WDFW.

**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 **January 12, 2009**.

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.

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**SIGNATURE:** 

Footnotes

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

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