



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: RATTLESNAKE CREEK SIDE CHANNEL RESTORATION

Description of Proposal:

The proposed project would restore a side channel on Rattlesnake Creek. It will allow fish access to a 1.3 km side channel providing excellent rearing habitat for juvenile salmonids. Project components will include: modifying existing headgate and wingdam to improve fish passage, replacing existing fish screen with a smaller screen meeting water rights of Rattlesnake Ditch users further down the ditch, creating hardened ford or other crossing structure across channel to maintain vehicular access to screen facilities for maintenance, adjust ditch and side channel elevations, install flow regulation and measuring devices in irrigation ditch and side channel, and plant and seed disturbed areas with native vegetation.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: 1780 Niles Road, Naches, Washington, 98937; Yakima County; Section 3 & 4, Township 15 North, Range 15 East WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely 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.

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. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **January 23, 2012**.

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Bob Zeigler

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

DATE OF ISSUE: December 30, 2011 **SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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

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