



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 16-002 Colockum Tarps Fire Fence Replacement

Description of Proposal:

This project will replace the existing burned wire fence for approximately 5 ½ miles in the same alignment of the old fence near WDFW property boundary lines. The existing wire fence will be demolished. The project will construct a tensile wire fence 42” height, with steel posts spaced 30 feet apart. Posts will be drilled four feet in rocky areas that cannot be otherwise driven in. The steel posts and wire presently along the fence line will be removed from the site and taken to a local landfill or recycled.

Where the fence crosses creeks, an end brace will be constructed each side of the creek out of the ordinary high water line. There are some existing rock jacks along the fence line that will be dismantled. No new rock jacks will be constructed. Work will be done in dry conditions; no machines will enter the water.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any:

The northernmost location is accessed from Interstate 90: take Exit 115 towards Kittitas. Turn left onto S. Main Street. After 1.2 miles, turn right onto Patrick Avenue. After 4.1 miles, take the third left onto Number 81 Road (Number 81 Road is just past Clark Street). Turn right onto Brick Mill Road, go 2.1 miles. Portions are unpaved. Colockum Road is 0.7 miles past Cooke Canyon Road. Turn a sharp right onto Brewton Road (portions unpaved). Proceed 3.8 miles to the northernmost location of the fence line. Location: Kittitas County, T20N, R21E, S30 (47.19447,-120.23877).

The southernmost location is accessed from Interstate 90 by taking Exit 115 toward Kittitas. Turn left onto S. Main Street. Turn Right onto Patrick Avenue. After 4.1 miles, take the third left onto Number 81 Road (Number 81 Road is just past Clark Street). After 2.1 miles turn right onto Brick Mill Road, go 2.1 miles. Portions are unpaved. Turn Left onto Colockum Road. Colockum Road is 0.7 miles past Cooke Canyon Road. Turn right onto Secret Canyon Road. Secret Canyon Road is just past Gage Road. Turn slight left onto Little Caribou Road (portions unpaved). Continue to destination. If you reach Colockum Road you have gone about 3.2 miles too far. Location: Kittitas County, T20N, R21E, S31 (47.1711, -120.23907).

The fence will be constructed in several sections including several drop gates and 4 creek crossings. The creeks are all intermittent or seasonal streams. The fence sections will connect to existing cattle guards at some locations. Total lengths of all sections are approximately 5 ½ miles long. Please refer to drawings for fencing route.

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 rules². 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. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on February 15th, 2016**.

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/sepa_comment_docs.html
- Fax to (360) 902-2946
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Dan Doty

Position/Title: Acting 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 Dan Doty at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-8120.

DATE OF ISSUE: February 1, 2016

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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