



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 16-024: KLICKITAT WILDLIFE AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN

**Description of Proposal:**

This is a new wildlife area management plan for the Klickitat Wildlife Area. It directs management activities over the next 10 years on seven wildlife area units: Soda Springs (13,000 acres); Mineral Springs (1,108 acres), Dillacort Canyon (340 acres), Fisher Hill (480 acres), Goldendale Hatchery (240 acres), Swale Creek (516 acres) and Sondino Pond (219 acres). Proposed uses include western pond turtle and western gray squirrel protection and enhancement; recreation and wildlife conservation; protection and restoration of conifer forests and Oregon white oak, riparian shrub and open grasslands. The Klickitat River retains natural spawning beds for salmon and steelhead, and is regionally renowned for excellent fishing. The wildlife area conserves important winter range for deer. There are two agriculture leases on the Klickitat Wildlife area and three grazing permits. The agriculture leases provide food and cover for wildlife. Under the direction of the new plan, management activities will stay essentially the same.

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

The Klickitat Wildlife Area is located approximately 15 miles west of Goldendale and within close proximity to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area in Klickitat County, Washington: Locations and TRS for the seven units are provided in the Environmental Checklist, Section A.12.

**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 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.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.<sup>2</sup> We will **not act on this proposal for 30 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 June 16, 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](mailto: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:** Lisa Wood

**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.<sup>1</sup>

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2260.

**DATE OF ISSUE:** May 17, 2016

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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

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