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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS) AND ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT (CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION)

Name of Proposal: DNS/Adoption 16-047: COLONIAL CREEK CAMPGROUND REPAIR

Description of Proposal:

This project intends to restore Ross Lake National Recreation Area from damages sustained in the winter storms of November of 2015. The Colonial Campground Area sustained damage when a large debris flow came down Rhode Creek and plugged the main entrance road culvert. This caused water and debris from Rhode Creek to run across the highway and severely eroded the area in front of the Diablo Lake Boathouse.

This proposed project would remove approximately 200 cubic yard of debris from the area around the entrance to the campground and restore the culvert and creek bed to a normal depth. A grade control structure would also be installed about 20 feet upstream of the culvert to prevent the creek from enlarging its channel in the loose deposits from the 2015 storm event and depositing gravel on the road and in the culvert. This grade control structure would be approximately three feet deep, three feet wide, and ten feet long, built with 2-3 ft. diameter angular road, and the top of the structure would be at grade (see attached drawings). Some of this material will come from the 2015 debris flow, but 10-12 rocks may be brought in from Goodell Pit. The ravine that was created by the boat house would also be restored to pre-storm levels by adding material from the flow itself.

While much of the material was removed in winter 2015/spring 2016 in an emergency response to the storm damage, the grade control structure would be built and the culvert more thoroughly cleaned out in late summer/early fall 2016 when Rhode Creek is dry. This work will involve the use of an excavator that may need to enter the stream bed in order to access and move material. There will be no vegetation disturbance during installation of the grade control structure.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Rhode Creek at Colonial Creek Campground, Milepost 130 on SR 20, Skagit County, Washington: Township 36N, Range 13E, Section 15.

Title of document being adopted: Categorical Exclusion Form for “Clean Up and Repair of Storm Damage to Colonial Creek Campground From Rhode Creek”

Agency that prepared document being adopted: National Park Service

Date adopted document was prepared: July 24, 2016

Description of document (or portion) being adopted: The entire contents of the Categorical Exclusion Form.

If the document being adopted has been challenged, please describe: N/A

Name of agency adopting the document: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

The document is available to be read at:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife - Natural Resources Building,
1111 Washington Street SE, Olympia, WA, Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

This document is also available for review online at:

http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/sepa_final_docs_2016.html

Adoption of Existing Environmental Document: After independent review, we have identified and adopted the referenced document as being appropriate for this proposal. The document meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

We issued this Determination of Nonsignificance/Adoption Notice under WAC 197-11-610 and WAC 197-11-630. We will **not act on this proposal for 7 days** from the date of issue below.

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DATE OF ISSUE: August 16, 2016 **SIGNATURE:**

