



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 16-075: CARIBOU CREEK DIVERSION REMOVALS

Description of Proposal:

This project will remove two fish passage barriers from Caribou Creek to provide year-round fish passage for all life stages and species. The existing concrete and wooden check dam structures will be removed at each site, the bed and banks will be regraded with a roughened channel to ensure fish passage for all species and life stages. All materials will come from local sources.

The permanent fill at stream mile 0.33 will be approximately 70 cubic yards of streambed simulation material in 100 linear feet of creek. The permanent fill at stream mile 0.78 will be approximately 30 cubic yards of streambed simulation material and large scale roughness boulders, 50 cubic yards of wood for wood structure, and 65 cubic yards of riprap in 45 linear feet of creek.

Proponent/Applicant: Kittitas County Conservation District
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Caribou Creek near S. Ferguson Road, southeast of Ellensburg, Kittitas County, Washington: Township 17N, Range 19E, Sections 21 and 22.

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. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on December 28, 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/>
- 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.¹

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: December 14, 2016

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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