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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 17-044: WYNOOCHEE RIVER FISHING ACCESS

Description of Proposal:

The project will include 1,300 feet of new road construction, 200 feet of road reconstruction and 1,200 feet of brush clearing and relocating on the gravel bar. The purpose of the road is to restore public fishing access to the Wynoochee River, and the road will also be used for future timber harvest and haul by Green Diamond. A parking area, approximately 50 ft by 145 ft, will be located adjacent to the road, outside the Wynoochee River channel migration zone and the shoreline buffer. Two small roadside pullouts are also proposed, which would be located outside the channel migration zone and shoreline buffer as well. Signs will be posted to direct users and a porta potty will be located at the parking area. The proposal also includes installation of a 36-inch diameter culvert in the backwatered side channel that is currently bisected by the existing road grade with no culvert. This will allow fish to access this side channel habitat. During the fall and winter we anticipate 100 boat launches a week if fishing is good and river flow is below 2,600 cfs. When the river gets above 2,600 cfs the river becomes unfishable.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: The eastern shore of the Wynoochee River approximately 16 miles north of the town of Montesano, Grays Harbor County, Washington. The site does not have an address but is located at Township 20N, Range 8W, Sections 23 and 24.

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 September 5, 2017**.

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: August 21, 2017

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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