



State of Washington
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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 18-017: CHELAN WILDLIFE AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN

Description of Proposal:

This is a new management plan for the Chelan Wildlife Area. Over the next 10 years the plan will direct management activities on the following wildlife area units:

1. Beebe Springs (162 acres)
2. Cashmere Pond (21 acres)
3. Chelan Butte (10,116 acres)
4. Entiat (7,989 acres)
5. Pateros (1,218 acres)
6. Swakane (19,939 acres)
7. White River (429 acres)

Proposed uses include recreation and wildlife conservation; protection and restoration of shrub-steppe, forest and riparian habitat. Examples of management activities under this plan include: ecological integrity monitoring, weed management, managing roads in collaboration with USFS and other agencies including considering seasonal road closures to protect wildlife, species surveys, managing wildlife near high use recreation areas, monitoring bighorn sheep, coordinating with partners on salmon recovery projects. Recreational projects include: working with Audubon to designate a birding trail, developing options to accommodate target shooting, develop a public outreach process for considering recreation developing on the wildlife area.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Seven units on the WDFW Chelan Wildlife Area in Washington (see Environmental Checklist for specific sections and site descriptions):

1. Beebe Springs Unit (Chelan County) Township 27N, Range 23E, Section 20.
2. Cashmere Pond (Chelan County) Multiple sections
3. Chelan Butte Unit (Chelan County) Multiple sections
4. Entiat Unit (Chelan County) Multiple sections
5. Pateros Unit (Okanogan County) Multiple sections in Township 30N, Range 23E
6. Swakane Unit (Chelan County) Multiple sections
7. White River Unit (Chelan County) Multiple sections

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 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 30 days of the date of this letter. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on April 30, 2018**.

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 Habitat Program, Protection Division

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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: March 29, 2018

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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