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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 18-022: HARRIS ACCESS SITE BRIDGE REPAIR

Description of Proposal:

The Harris Access Area #1 is located in the Desert Wildlife Area next to Potholes Reservoir, Grant County. It contains informal access to Winchester Wasteway South and also provides access across this waterway with a pedestrian bridge. The bridge is in good repair but the bridge abutment on the far bank is leaning towards the water and is no longer providing full support for the bridge. This abutment needs to be removed and replaced in a new location out of the stream channel. The new abutment will be placed at the top of bank and secured to protect against failure.

The specific tasks are listed below:

1. Lift bridge from stream using a large mobile crane. Place bridge in gravel parking for temporary storage and repair.
2. Remove bridge abutment on opposite bank by lifting straight-up with excavator (or crane) to prevent streambank disturbance or turbidity. Place new abutment on top of bank above Ordinary High Water. The new abutment will be placed on previously placed fill and imported material will be placed around the abutment to help secure it in place.
3. Remove the bridge abutment from parking lot side of the river. Place new abutment in approximately the same location. Use imported crushed rock to fill any voids and ensure correct height. Previously placed fill in this area is at least 1.5 feet deep ensuring that no disturbance will occur in native soils.
4. Within the isolated staging area, repair concrete spall damage on bridge and refinish deck. This task will be accomplished using hand tools and hand labor only. All concrete to be placed on the repaired portions of the bridge deck will be mixed on-site using simple hand tools and .25CY electric concrete mixer and allowed to cure for 7 days.
5. Re-install bridge over stream seated on new abutments. This work will be accomplished using a large mobile crane to lift the bridge from its temporary storage point on site to the perch on the new abutment.

Construct bridge approaches using imported crushed rock at the bridge ends. This task will be accomplished using a small excavator to place imported crushed rock. Material will be placed in lifts and tamped using a gas-powered walk-behind plate compactor. Final grade of approaches will be topped with a thin layer of fine-crushed rock, graded smooth with hand tools and tamped in using a gas-powered walk-behind plate compactor. 5 cubic yards of crushed rock will be imported for this task.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Harris Access Area #1, Desert Unit of the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area, Moses Lake, Grant County, Washington: Township 17N, Range 27E, Section 3.

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 April 24, 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

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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: April 10, 2018

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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