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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 18-025: COLUMBIA BASIN WILDLIFE AREA WETLAND INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

Description of Proposal:

The proposal involves maintenance and protection of infrastructure by annually removing accumulated sediments and vegetation either naturally occurring or placed by beaver. Much of these lands are owned by the Bureau of Reclamation and are managed by WDFW under a 25-year Management Agreement which gives WDFW the authority to manage habitat and recreational opportunities. Activities will be occurring at 5 distinct locations:

- At Stan Coffin Lake culverts will be maintained by dredging with an excavator.
- At Burke Lake culverts will be maintained by dredging with an excavator, a flow-through area that has silted in will be dredged with an excavator, and a flat pad of fill material will be placed for the excavator to work from to reach the flow-through area.
- At No Name Lake culverts will be maintained by dredging with an excavator and, if necessary, removing a beaver dam with an excavator that is encroaching on the roadway, which is often flooded with water.
- At Winchester Reserve ditches will be maintained by dredging with an excavator.
- At Dodson Boat Launch accumulated sediments will be dredged with an excavator from boat launch planks and, if necessary, boulders will be placed with an excavator to divert flows away from the launch to reduce sediment accumulation.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Columbia Basin Wildlife Area, Five project sites northwest (3) and east (2) of George, Grant County, Washington:

Stan Coffin Lake – Township 19N, Range 23E, Section 10

Burke Lake – Township 19N, Range 23E, Section 15

No Name Lake – Township 19N, Range 23E, Section 22

Winchester Reserve – Township 18N, Range 25E, Section 12 and Township 18N, Range 26E, Sections 18 and 27

Dodson Boat Launch – Township 18N, Range 26E, Section 15

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 May 1, 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: April 17, 2018

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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