



State of Washington  
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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 18-026: MOUNTAIN VIEW FOREST THIN

**Description of Proposal:**

Approximately 650 acres of ponderosa pine and dry mixed conifer stands between 2800 and 3600 feet elevation will be commercially thinned. Cougar Creek Road will have hazard trees and excess fuels removed within WDFW property boundaries one tree-length from either side of the road. Sawlogs and pulp will be removed and slash piled and burned at landings. Existing roads will be brushed, graded or reconstructed as necessary to accommodate log trucks. No new roads would be built though a few temp short spurs may be constructed. Mid seral stands will be thinned to 20-40 trees per acre or to a basal area of 40-80 feet squared per acre. Younger stands will be thinned to approximately 70 trees per acre. Ponderosa pine and larch will be preferred leave-tree species. Thinning will generally remove the smaller trees and leave the largest healthiest trees on site. Snags will be left on site where operationally feasible. Prescribed fire may follow up thinning treatment if conditions and funding allows.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)  
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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** 4-O Ranch Unit of the Chief Joseph Wildlife Area, Asotin County, Washington:

Township 7N, Range 43E, Sections 24, 25, and 36  
Township 7N, Range 44E, Sections 30-32

**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 law<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> 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 7, 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](mailto: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.<sup>1</sup>

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 23, 2018

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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

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