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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 18-036: GREEN DOT ROAD MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AT GREEN GATE AREA OF QUILOMENE WILDLIFE AREA

Description of Proposal:

The project will accomplish objectives of the Naneum Ridge to Columbia River Recreation and Access Plan which was reviewed in DNS 2014 (File #14-092601). It will develop a green dot road system in the Green Gate area of the Quilomene Wildlife Area on both WDFW and DNR lands. The project will close roughly 12 miles of roads to motorized vehicles using devices such as signage, natural barriers, gates, etc. Approximately 15 miles of roads will be designated as open to motorized vehicles and will be incorporated into the Quilomene Green Dot Road Management System. Open roads will have white carsonite posts with green dots installed at all intersections to alert visitors.

This project will construct a parking area roughly 0.75 acres in size to centralize parking for nonmotorized users. A two paneled kiosk will be installed in the parking area containing a map of the area, regulations, and educational materials.

Once funding is secured, restoration of closed roads will occur, which could include: ripping to a depth of 6-12" with machinery, seeding with grasses and shrubs, and installation of water bars and erosion control structures.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Green Gate area of the Quilomene Unit, L.T. Murray Wildlife Area, about 12 miles east of Ellensburg, Kittitas County, Washington:

Township 17N, Range 20E, Section 1
Township 17N, Range 21E, Sections 5 and 6
Township 18N, Range 20E, Sections 25 and 36
Township 18N, Range 21E, Sections 30, 31, and 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 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 June 18, 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: June 4, 2018

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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