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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 18-050: KETTLE RIVER ACCESS DEVELOPMENT

**Description of Proposal:**

The Kettle River Access is a new WDFW access area that is currently undeveloped. There is only an unimproved access road on each of the two parcels. WDFW intends development these two parcels to provide Kettle River access by foot and by small watercraft. Site 1 will have a gravel parking area, primitive gravel hand launch, ADA accessible self-contained vault toilet, barrier rock and viewing blind provided. Site 2 (located 2 miles south) will have a gravel parking area, ADA accessible self-contained vault toilet, and barrier rock provided. The specific tasks are listed below:

Site 1

1. Grade new 20 foot wide access road and 100 foot by 100 foot parking area. Grade road to launch ramp and turnaround loop. Maintain a minimum 14 foot width launch access road.
2. Place crushed rock to a depth of 4 inches on all access roads and parking area. Compact gravel.
3. At ramp location, grade upper bank to provide adequate slope for 30 foot long, 8 foot wide ramp. Place 4 inches of crushed rock for the ramp base. Place geoweb fabric over crushed rock base. Place 2 inches of crushed rock on top of geoweb fabric for the ramp surface. The ramp will not extend below the Ordinary High Water line. Trailers will not be able to back into the water. This launch provides hand launching only (boats carried to the water).
4. Install pre-fabricated vault toilet. Provide an ADA dedicated parking stall.
5. Install approximately 20 wheel stops within new gravel parking area. Place barrier rock at edge of parking area and access roads with no more than 5 foot gaps between rocks.
6. Construct viewing blind made-up of three 5 foot high by 6 foot long panels. Building materials will be Douglas fir timber and galvanized lag bolts. Wood posts will be embedded into the ground to a depth of 4.5 feet. Clear 5 foot wide trail connecting the blind to the road. Surface new trail with crushed rock.

Site 2

1. Grade new 14 foot wide access road and 50 foot by 81 foot parking area.
2. Place crushed rock to a depth of 4 inches on access road and parking area. Compact gravel.
3. Install pre-fabricated vault toilet. Provide an ADA dedicated parking stall.
4. Install approximately 9 wheel stops within new gravel parking area. Place barrier rock at edge of parking area and access roads with no more than 5 foot gaps between rocks.

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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Kettle River Access Area, 394 Kroupa Road, Curlew, Ferry County, Washington: Township 40N, Range 32E, Sections 3 and 16.

**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 August 9, 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:** July 26, 2018

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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