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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 19-001: COLOCKUM-STEMILT FOREST RESTORATION

Description of Proposal:

The primary goal of the WDFW Stemilt Restoration Thinning Project will be to begin the process of restoring two units within the Stemilt Basin to their historic range of variability. This will be achieved through cutting trees using a combination of Individual, Clumps and Openings (ICO) techniques and stocking/spacing strategies. Both units have been intensively managed and “high graded” for several decades. The resulting stands are over-stocked with a high proportion of shade tolerant species (primarily grand fir). The goal will be to reduce stocking levels closer to the historic range of variability of 30 to 35 trees per acre. Ponderosa pine, western larch, and Douglas-fir will be favored to leave.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Upper portion of the Stemilt Basin, approximately 15 miles southwest of Wenatchee, Chelan County, Washington: Township 21N, Range 20E, Sections 20 and 28.

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 January 17, 2019**.

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: January 3, 2019

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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