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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS) AND ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT (CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION)

Name of Proposal: DNS/Adoption 19-017: ROAD 12 PARTIAL CLOSURE WITHIN COLUMBIA BASIN WILDLIFE AREA

Description of Proposal:

In coordination with Bureau of Reclamation, and as a managing partner, WDFW is proposing to permanently close a half-mile length of gravel road to unauthorized motorized access due to public safety and resource protection concerns. Public use and non-motorized access will continue to be allowed. The road will be closed with a swing gate.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal: The last half-mile of Road 12 NE, within the Gloyd Seeps Unit of the WDFW Columbia Basin Wildlife Area, approximately 10 miles north of Moses Lake, Grant County, Washington: Township 21N, Range 28E, Section 33. The portion of the road to be closed is located immediately north of Township 20N, Range 28E, Section 4.

Title of Document being Adopted: Cover letter dated February 13, 2019, and Categorical Exclusion Checklist for "Road 12 Partial Closure", dated December 12, 2018, PN-EFO-CE-2018-065, which together make up the Categorical Exclusion.

Agency that Prepared Document Being Adopted: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Date Adopted Document was Prepared: February 13, 2019

Description of Document (or Portion) Being Adopted: The entire contents of the February 13, 2019, cover letter and December 12, 2018 "Categorical Exclusion Checklist," which together make up the Categorical Exclusion.

If the Document Being Adopted has been Challenged, Please Describe: N/A

Name of Agency Adopting the Document: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

The Document is Available to be Read at:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife - Natural Resources Building,
1111 Washington Street SE, Olympia, WA, Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

This document is also available for review online at:
http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/sepa_comment_docs.html

Adoption of Existing Environmental Document: After independent review, we have identified and adopted the referenced document as being appropriate for this proposal. The document meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

We issued this Determination of Nonsignificance/Adoption Notice under WAC 197-11-340(2), WAC 197-11-610, and WAC 197-11-630. 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 March 8, 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

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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: February 22, 2019 **SIGNATURE:**

