



*STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT*

**Determination of Non-Significance**

March 2, 2022

**Lead Agency:** Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington (Grant PUD)

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**Agency File Name:** Vantage Recreation Area – North Jetty Cove Improvement Project

**Description of Proposal:**

The Vantage marina consisting of an upper and lower boardwalk trail, and water fountain feature will be further modified to make safe for the public. This project will include

- Electrical infrastructure – All underground and above ground electrical wiring and utilities such as outlets, lamp posts, and fountain lights will be removed. A diver inspection confirmed there is no electrical infrastructure in the water. Fill will be added where noticeable changes in soil height is observed on the shoreline and exposed areas will be replanted with grass or native vegetation.
- Under water structures from dock removal – Divers will utilize a boat to remove underwater structures. There is an old dock section laying at the bottom of the marina that will be lifted out via using a rope. Metal frames will be cut and lifted onto the dive boat for removal.
- Fountain pump removal – Plumbing lines that come in from the Columbia River will be disassembled and removed from the bottom of the river using a dive boat and diver. If necessary, any holes will be sealed with a concrete grout infill to prevent erosion.
- Invasive vegetation – Invasive vegetation will be removed by hand to prevent choking out native plant species.
- New amenities – Installation of handrails at any locations that present falling exposure to the public. Install bollards at each side of the upper boardwalk to prevent vehicles entering the day-use area. Install picnic tables, benches, trash cans and install any necessary signage.
- Buoy/Rope – A dedicated buoy/rope will be installed across the marina entrance to prevent boats entering the new dedicate swim area.

**Location of proposal:**

The project is located at Section 20 & 29, Township 17, Range 23EWM.: Take I-90 W, exit 136 toward Vantage. Take left onto Vantage Hwy, take the next right onto Boat Ramp Rd, then take a left on Holiday Ave. to Vantage Riverstone Marina.

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Grant PUD has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). We have reviewed the attached Environmental Checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available on request.

This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions:

The removal of the structures at the Vantage Marina will be within the existing footprint. All work within the water will be completed by boat and divers.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340.

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## Project Narrative

**9. Narrative project description:** (Please include at minimum the following information in your description: describe project size, location, water supply, sewage disposal and all qualitative features of the proposal; include every element of the proposal in the description.)

See JARPA for additional information.

This project will include:

- Removal of electrical infrastructure such as light posts, pedestals, and vaults.
- Removal of all underwater structures left over from dock removal including metal frames, and concrete dock section at bottom of marina.
- Removal of fountain pump.
- Installation of a dedicated buoy/rope across marina entrance.
- Installation of amenities such as bollards, handrails, picnic tables, benches, trash cans, as appropriate along the shoreline in cove and removal of invasive vegetative species that may exist.

**10. Explain in detail whether granting the proposed Public Facilities Permit will cause each any of the following:**

- **Be detrimental to the public health, safety, and general welfare?**
- **Be injurious to the property or improvements adjacent to, and in the vicinity of, the site upon which the proposed use is to be located?**
- **Adversely affect the established character of the surrounding vicinity?**

See JARPA/SEPA for additional information.

No, the site is currently an abandoned day use recreation site, which has been closed to the public. For safety, compliance and usage reasons, Grant PUD is removing structures within the cove area (formally known as the Riverstone Marina) north of the Vantage Boat Launch. New amenities to be installed include bollards, handrails, picnic tables, benches, trash cans, as appropriate for day use within and around the cove area. Installation of a dedicated buoy/rope across the marina entrance will be installed to prevent boats entering the new dedicated swimming area.