

Highway 10 Yakima River Boat Launch
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Project Narrative

Kittitas County Parcel number: 013233

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is proposing a new boat launch and haul-out along the Yakima River across from the town of Thorp. The public access area will include a graded gravel parking lot and paved entry apron from Highway 10 around mile post 101. Asphalt will also be placed for a single Americans with Disabilities Act compliant parking spot and a portable toilet facility. A guardrail will be added for safety in the entry driveway. There will be 4 regular car parking spots and 4 designed for vehicles with trailers. The ramp leading into the Yakima River will be constructed out of articulated concrete blocks with light loose rip rap on the ramp shoulders.

This area will be used as a safe haul-out for personal small crafts such as kayaks, canoes, and rafts utilizing the Yakima River. The ramp will be suitable for trailers to back down, but not too steep for pedestrian use without a trailer.

There will not be any water or sewage connections and the site will remain primitive. A portable toilet facility will be placed and cleaned as appropriate for the use of the access site. Mitigation planting of approximately 2,100 square feet will be conducted upstream of the ramp on the same property. Native vegetation will be planted to maintain soil stability and cover. Please see site drawings for further details.

Ramp Cut and Fill			
Cut above OHWM	Cut Below OHWM	Fill Above OHWM	Fill Below OHWM
80 CY	21 CY	165 CY	12 CY
Total Cut = 101 CY		Total Fill = 177 CY	
Net Total = 76 CY Fill			

Parking Area Cut and Fill		
Cut	Fill	Net Total
679 CY	756 CY	77 CY Fill

11. A. This new access area benefits the public by providing a river access that did not exist before. The guard rail and graded parking area allow for a safe area for the public and the portable toilet supplies a

necessary public health element to the access, as well as convenience. The majority of the development occurs approximately 4 feet below Highway 10 and has no aesthetic blocks of views to the water.

B. The new access is not expected to increase traffic a noticeable amount so it is unlikely that it would require additional county resources. The site includes a bioswale and integrated erosion control factors to reduce any drainage issues. WDFW will provide the portable toilet and will keep the toilet maintained according to the use of the access.

C. The addition of this access may provide an additional area for recreational boaters to haul-out. With Ellensburg just south on Highway 10 and Cle Elum to the north, it is likely that additional visitors would benefit the economy of the county. This access, along with all other WDFW water access sites requires a Discover Pass, a permit also allowing the public to utilize other state lands.