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MEMORANDUM

November 22, 2019

File No. 19-112201

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FROM:

Tracy Cooper, SEPA Center

SUBJECT: SEPA LEAD AGENCY & MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

This is to advise you that pursuant to WAC 197-11-900 (922 through 948), the Department of Natural Resources has determined that it is Lead Agency for the following:

Indian Camp Campground Expansion: This proposal is approximately six acres to the east of, and adjacent to, the existing 13 site campground within the Teanaway Community Forest. The proposal will add 12 equestrian campsites, including one group site. The campground will also include equestrian amenities such as an ADA mounting ramp and highline hitching posts. The campground road will be gravel surfaced with widths of 16 feet or 20 feet depending on the circulation in the campground. There will be one new vault toilet installed that will meet ADA standards for accessibility. In addition to these improvements, a new kiosk and interpretive signage will be installed in the campground to educate users about the history of the valley, ongoing restoration work and the uniqueness of the community forest. Located in Sections 22, 27, Township 21 North, Range 15 East W.M., Kittitas, County.

Information about this proposal including the Threshold Determination and SEPA Checklist can be accessed through DNR's website at:

http://www.dnr.wa.gov/state-environmental-policy-act-sepa

Pursuant to WAC 332-41-504, this proposal was filed in the department's SEPA Center at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, on <u>November 22</u>, <u>2019</u>. We will consider comments on this proposed MDNS received by 4:30 p.m. on <u>December 6, 2019</u>. Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center at, <u>sepacenter@dnr.wa.gov</u> or P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. Please <u>include the file number</u> listed above on all comments.

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MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

<u>Description of proposal:</u> The Indian Camp Campground Expansion proposal is approximately six acres to the east of, and adjacent to, the existing 13 site campground within the Teanaway Community Forest. The proposal will add 12 equestrian campsites, including one group site. The campground will also include equestrian amenities such as an ADA mounting ramp and highline hitching posts.

The campground road will be gravel surfaced with widths of 16 feet or 20 feet depending on the circulation in the campground. There will be one new vault toilet installed that will meet ADA standards for accessibility. In addition to these improvements, a new kiosk and interpretive signage will be installed in the campground to educate users about the history of the valley, ongoing restoration work and the uniqueness of the community forest.

Description of mitigation:

- Work will occur in the dry season.
- In the event any unknown archaeological resources are encountered, ground disturbance activities will be halted and a Washington State Department of Natural Resources Archaeologist will be contacted to survey the site and develop a site protection plan. The Department's Inadvertent Discovery Plan is available at the Southeast Region Office.
- Campground road and campsites have been professionally designed to ensure proper drainage and, where needed, soils will be stabilized with weed free straw and revegetation.

Proponent: State of Washington, Department of Natural Resources.

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Parts of Sections 22 and 27 in Township 21 North, Range 15 East, W.M., Kittitas County, Washington. The proposal is located at 4394 Middle Fork Teanaway Road, Cle Elum, WA 98922, within the Teanaway Community Forest approximately six miles north of Cle Elum, WA.



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Lead agency: State of Washington, Department of Natural Resources.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does 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). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

[| There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

[X] This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from November 22, 2019. Comments must be submitted by December 6, 2019.

Responsible official: Todd Welker	2) 10 2 Windows (AVC) (AVC)
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There is no agency SEPA appeal.	

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to <u>all parts of your proposal</u>, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the <u>SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D)</u>. Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements —that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. Background

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Indian Camp Campground Expansion

2. Name of applicant:

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Southeast Region

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

Stephanie Margheim 713 Bowers Road Ellensburg, WA 98926 509-925-0984

4. Date checklist prepared: November 4, 2019

- 5. Agency requesting checklist: Washington State Department of Natural Resources
- 6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): All proposed work will be complete prior to October 31, 2020.
- 7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

Yes, there may be a trailhead constructed in the vicinity of the campground in the future.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

Regulations and policy information influencing this project proposal include the State Soil Survey and Environmental Impact Statement (1997), HCP (September 1997), Teanaway Community Forest Management Plan (December 2018), and the Policy for Sustainable Forests (December 2006).

A recreation land suitability analysis was completed for the Teanaway Community Forest (TCF), including Trust Lands within the TCF boundary, as part of the Teanaway Community Forest Recreation Planning process. The analysis considered biological elements, soil and geological conditions, public access and forest management considerations, and social considerations to show areas where extra care may be needed when planning recreation activities. The results of this analysis are displayed on maps that were used by DNR staff and the Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee to determine general locations for different recreational opportunities.

Documents may be reviewed at the DNR Southeast Region Office.

- 9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. No pending applications are known.
- 10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. A Conditional Use Permit is required from Kittitas County for the expansion of the campground. A privy permit and a building permit for the CXT vault toilet installation. Kittitas County grading permit. Forest Practices Application.
- 11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this

page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

The expansion area is approximately six acres east of, and adjacent to, the existing 13 site campground. The proposal includes adding 12 equestrian campsites with a gravel vehicle pad a minimum of 65 feet long by 20 feet wide, and contains a 20 foot by 20 foot gravel living area with new fire rings and picnic tables. Included in the total number of sites is one large group campsite, which will accommodate 6-8 trailers. The campground will also include equestrian amenities such as an ADA mounting ramp and highline hitching posts.

The campground road will be gravel surfaced with widths of 16 feet or 20 feet depending on the circulation in the campground. There will be one new vault toilet installed that will meet ADA standards for accessibility. In addition to these improvements, a new kiosk and interpretive signage will be installed in the campground to educate users about the history of the valley, ongoing restoration work and the uniqueness of the community forest.

This project is identified in the first phase of the Teanaway Community Forest Recreation Plan, a multi-stakeholder public planning process completed in December 2018, which helps begin implantation of the plan. It fulfills the need for additional equestrian amenities in and around the Community Forest. The expansion area has previously been used as an overflow for the existing campground, but does not suitably address current needs without the improvements proposed as part of this project.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

This project is located approximately seven miles north of the town of Cle Elum in the Teanaway Community Forest at 4394 Middle Fork Teanaway Road, Cle Elum, WA 98922 in Kittitas County. The camping area is located in the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 22 and the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 27, Township 21 North, Range 15 East.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

	
a.	General description of the site:
(ci	ircle one): Flat rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? The landscape vicinity contains areas of hilly terrain, however, the steepest slope in the construction area is approximately 15%.

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

Soils identified in the project area are Nard ashy loam, and Patnish-Mippon-Myzel complex (Soil data derived from the NRCS).

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

Yes, there are three areas that show up on the Forest Practices Landslide Inventory. One is a dormant-indistinct to relict bedrock deep-seated landslide that was assessed in 2017. The second is a broadly convergent drainage that was walked by an agency geologist in 2017 and they did not observe any evidence of slope instability in the area. The third has not been visited by a geologist, but based on Lidar, their confidence that the polygon is a landslide is low because the area does not appear to have well defined margins or a bulging toe.

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

Filling and grading will be required for the construction of the new campground loop road and tent and parking pads in each campsite. The expected area of proposed cut and fill will be 3 acres. Fill material may be sourced on site if selected fill meets construction standards. Balanced construction will be used wherever possible. Expected cut and fill volumes are likely to exceed 4,000 cubic yards, but may vary depending on construction techniques. Additionally, the expected volume of gravel surfacing could be 1,500 cubic yards or more. Prior to any cutting or filling activities, a county grading permit will be acquired.

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. Some minor erosion could occur as a result of construction, but it is expected to be minimal and not have any adverse impacts. Minor erosion may also occur on disturbed surfaces during seasonal snowmelt and spring thaw. As vegetation becomes more present, erosion will also decrease.
- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

Approximately 32% of the 6 acre site will be covered with impervious surfaces. This will primarily be gravel on access roads, small amounts of poured concrete around structures, and one vault toilet.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: Roads, parking and campsites will be designed to ensure proper drainage and revegetation of disturbed areas.

2. Air

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

Emissions from and during the construction phase of the project would be minor and consist of equipment exhaust and minor dust. Upon completion of the project, dust may be present during the dry season from vehicle traffic and there may be minor amounts of equipment exhaust during large site maintenance projects.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

None known.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: None.

3. Water

- a. Surface Water:
 - 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into. Yes, the Middle Fork of the Teanaway River (Type S) is adjacent to the project boundary. One unnamed seasonal stream runs through the existing campground and one unnamed Type N stream runs through the expansion area, both flow into the Middle Fork of the Teanaway River, which then flows into the West Fork of the Teanaway River.
 - 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.
 No.
 - 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material. No fill or dredging will take place.
 - Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.
 No.
 - 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. No.
 - 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.
 No.
- b. Ground Water:

- Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.
 No.
- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.
 None.
- c. Water runoff (including stormwater):
 - Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow?
 Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

Roads are appropriately designed with graveled surfacing to reduce soil erosion on road surfaces, as well as the campsite parking pads.

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. Yes, sediment may reach surface waters. Minor amouns of sediment may occur from construction of new access roads, and cuts/fills for campsites. The majority of this sediment should be routed away from surface waters and onto the forest floor. In the event this occurs, the project lead will cease operations and create a mitigation plan as appropriate.
- Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.
 No.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

Professional design to ensure proper drainage. Measures during construction will include, where needed, stabilizing soils with weed-free straw and revegetation.

4. Plants

Check the types of vegetation found on the site:
_xdeciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen _xevergreen tree: fir, pine _xshrubs
_xgrass pasture crop or grain
Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops. wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other x_other types of vegetation

- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

 Some shrubs and herbaceous plants will be disturbed to varying degrees during the construction of the new loop road and during the construction of parking pads and installation of the vault toilet.

 Trees that are identified as hazards to campsite users will be felled and left in the site.
- c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

 None known. A search of the Natural Heritage Program GIS data layers did not reveal any threatened, endangered or sensitive plant species.
- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

Restoration work associated with ground disturbance will involve revegetation using native plants and grasses, and continue to actively manage noxious weeds.

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. The project area contains patches of diffuse knapweed, mullen, and houndstongue.

5. Animals

 <u>List</u> any birds and <u>other</u> animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include:

birds: hawk, eagle, songbirds, Northern Spotted Owl. Harlequin duck

mammals: deer, bear, elk, wolf

fish: salmon, trout, Spring Chinook, Coho, Sumer Steelhead

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

 WDFW Biologist conducted a remote review of their database and the following threatened or endangered species are on or near the site: wolf, Northern Spotted Owl, Steelhead.
- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

This proposal is located in the Columbia River Flyway, which is part of the Pacific Flyway. Migratory waterfowl use the Columbia River Flyway; however, the area in which this proposal is contained is not generally the type of area used for resting or feeding by migratory waterfowl. While migrating through Pacific Northwest, many Neotropical migratory birds are closely associated with riparian areas, cliffs, snags, and structurally unique trees.

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

 None. No wolf den sites are documented near the site and the proposal does not impact Northern

 Spotted Owl habitat.
- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site. None known.

6. Energy and Natural Resources

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

No energy needs post construction.

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

No.

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

None.

7. Environmental Health

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

None anticipated beyond operating equipment during construction. No toxic chemicals are being used as part of construction. Spill containment kits will be required for each piece of equipment.

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses. The Department of Ecology has no contamination sites listed in the project area.
- Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.
 None known.
- Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

Petroleum products for heavy equipment and vehicle operation, and herbicides.

- Describe special emergency services that might be required.
 None.
- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: Standard operating practices for handling and use of petroleum products will be used. Spill contamination kits will be required for each piece of equipment on site.

NOTE: If contamination of the environment is suspected, DNR will contact the Department of Ecology and adhere to their spill response protocol.

b. Noise

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

Current uses in the area include passenger vehicles and snowmobiles. This will not have an impact on the project. Heavy equipment noise and handheld power tools will be used during construction.

2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

Heavy equipment and hand held power tools used during construction will create noise during work hours. Recreational traffic may increase once construction is complete.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: Standard noise suppression methods on heavy equipment and hand held power tools. It may be possible to limit hours of construction in the expansion area while the main campground is open for camping.

8. Land and Shoreline Use

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

The current use of the site is working forest. Adjacent lands are managed as a working forest and for outdoor recreation. The project is not anticipated to affect the current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties.

b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

Yes. Approximately 1.6 acres of the site will be utilized as access roads, however these roads may be used in the future for forestry activities. Access roads have been designed to minimize the impact on existing and future timber production.

1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

It is possible there could be a timber and rock haul route through the campground for timber sales in the area, but the project should not affect forest operations.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

None.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? Commercial Forest.

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? Commercial Forest.

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? The project is not within the shoreline.
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify. Teanaway Elk Calving Area, Teanaway River Riparian Area, Rural Conservancy Shoreline, wetland code: R3USC, water types: S, N, Np, Ns.
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?
 None.
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? **None.**
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: None.
- L. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

The project will allow continued use of the area for forest management and recreation opportunities. The project is consistent with the Teanaway Community Forest Management Plan and the county's comprehensive plan designation.

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

No impact to nearby agricultural and forest lands. Long term forest management will continue in the surrounding area.

9. Housing

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

None.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

None.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: None.

10. Aesthetics

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

CXT vault toilet, 12 feet tall with a 15 foot vent pipe, with concrete siding.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? **None.**

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:
The structure will be a neutral color so it doesn't stand out against surroundings.

11. Light and Glare

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

None.

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? No.
- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? None.
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: None.

12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? Camping, hiking, hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, horseback riding, mountain bike riding, single track motorcycle riding, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, cross country skiing.
- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

There will be no long term impacts to recreation. This project will provide structure and sanitation to promote responsible and sustainable recreation across the Teanaway Community Forest.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.

No.

b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

Despite the name, there has thus far been no evidence of tribal use of the Indian Camp campground. Survey of the main campground (immediately west of the current project area) in 2014 included full surface survey and subsurface testing at two outhouse locations, and no historical or archaeological resources were found. The western area consists of thin soils over rocky riverbed sediments and the eastern portion as thick, weakly cemented colluvial deposits with no stratigraphy noted. About 5-6 km downriver, the former logging railroad town of Casland has been subject to extensive surface survey and targeted subsurface survey that found some evidence of the razed

historic town, but no prehistoric artifacts. The Middle Fork Teanaway has no recorded sites, in contrast to the North Fork and its tributary valleys; a history of industrial logging accompanied by erosion and flooding suggest that the valley floor of this branch may have been scoured and archaeology impacted by post-depositional processes.

The project APE was surveyed in 2018 by DNR archaeological staff pursuant to proposed campground development and in 2019 further testing was completed within the expanded project APE by DNR archaeological staff.

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc. The project manager has contacted tribes regarding this project and no comments have been received. Review of the project began with an examination of relevant WISAARD site and survey records, examination of historic GLO and USGS maps, and GIS analysis of environmental factors such as photographic and LiDAR imagery, geology and soils data, landform, hydrology, and proximity to other known natural and cultural resources. In addition, DNR archaeologists and cultural resource technicians have spent a lot of time in Teanaway, and discussion of local patterns of cultural resource distribution helped shape the strategy here. The 2018 archaeological survey began with surface survey at 5-10 meter intervals throughout the project area, then six shovel probes were conducted, three of which were placed at 20 meter intervals on a transect through the project area east of the road. No evidence of archaeological resources were found, and the soil observations are consistent with a substrate of river cobbles overlaid by water-deposited silt. In 2019 after the project APE modification, nine more shovel probes were placed within the ground disturbance areas, not previously tested. The deep sediments farther east are decomposed colluvial outwash from the hillside.
- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.
 At this time, all indications are that the project area was heavily impacted by multiple harvest entries, during which the vicinity seems to have been used as a decking or other operations area.
 There are no traces of archaeological materials, even below surface. No permits or special protection measures are required. Upon inadvertent discovery of archaeological or cultural resources, DNR will comply with the March 2010 Cultural Resources Inadvertent Discovery Guidance which will result in a suspension of work in the area, evaluation by a DNR archaeologist, and consultation with DAHP and interested tribes as appropriate.

14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.
 The project is accessed from the T5000 from the Middle Fork Road, via West Fork Teanaway
- Road, and State Route 970.
- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?
 Not served by public transportation.
- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

There will be five new parking spots as part of the project – two at the vault toilet and three at a pull off picnic area near the entrance. Each campsite will have a parking pad as well as a tent pad, though these parking pads are intended to be used for overnight camping only.

d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

The proposal will add two loop roads to the expansion area. See the attached site plan map.

e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

No.

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

The number of vehicular trips per day is not known. Peak volumes may occur over weekends and holidays during the camping season.

 g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.
 No.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: **None.**

15. Public Services

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

No.

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. **None.**

16. Utilities

a.	Circle utilities currently available at the site:
	electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,
	other
	one.

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

None.

C. Signature

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature:

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Name of signee Joseph Smith

Position and Agency/Organization <u>Forest Operation District Manager</u>, <u>Washington Department</u> of Natural Resources, Southeast Region.

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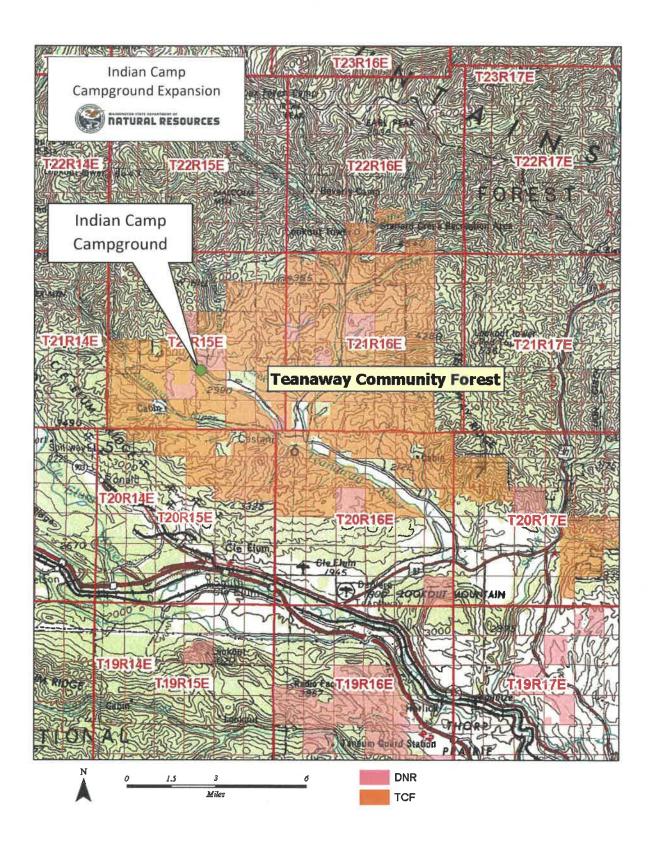


Exhibit A-2
Location Map

Indian Camp Campground Renovation & Expansion

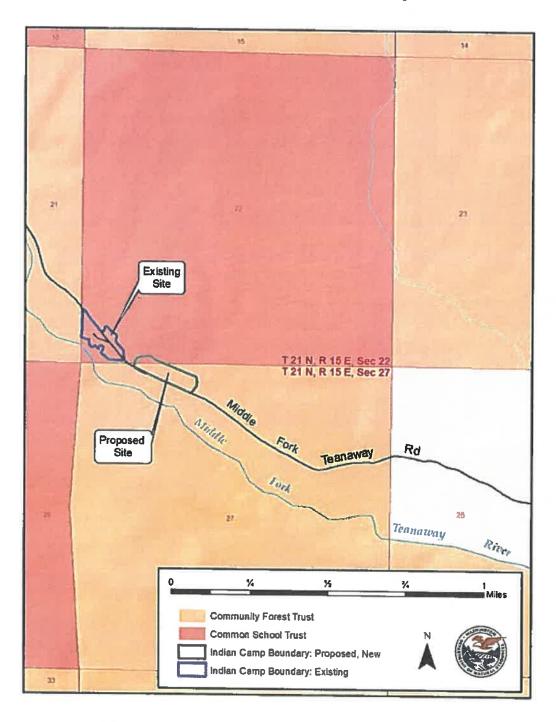
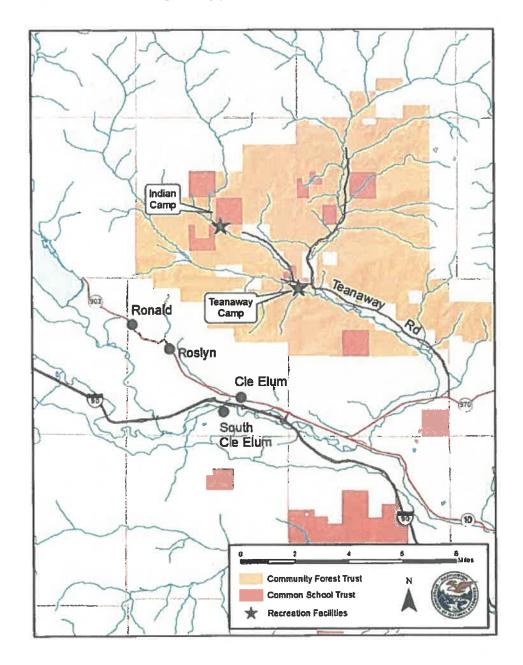
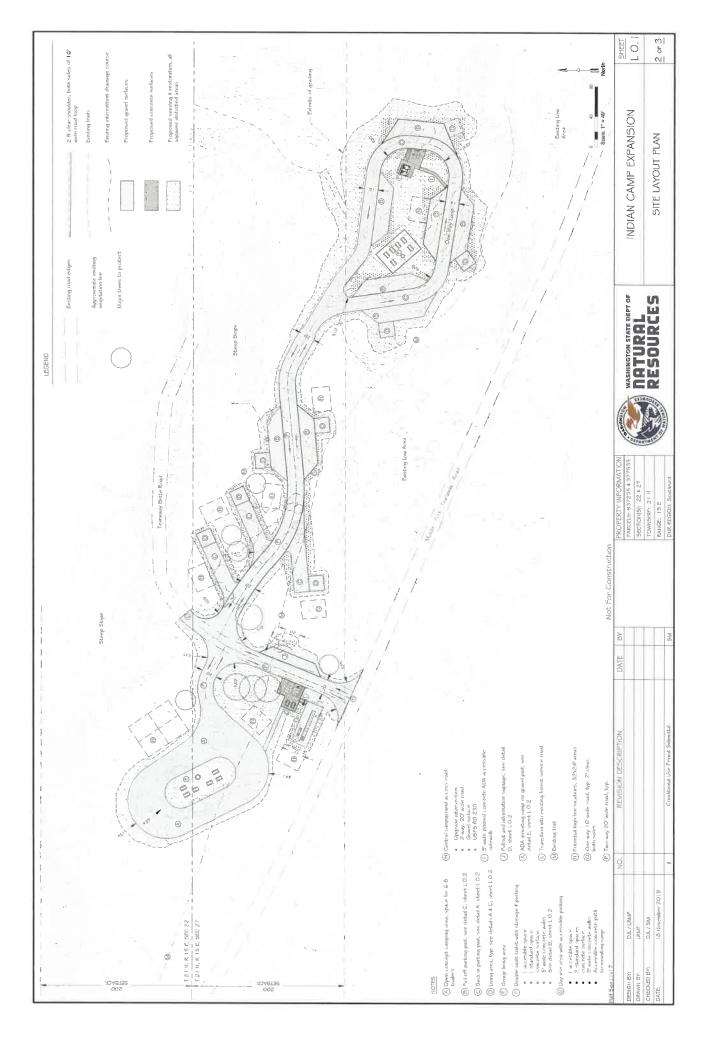


Exhibit A-1
Vicinity Map
Indian Camp Campground Renovation & Expansion







Date 12/09/2019 Notice of Final Determination SEPA File No. 19-112201

The Department of Natural Resources issued a [] Determination of Non-significance (DNS), [X] Mitigated Determination of Non-significance (MDNS), [] Modified DNS/MDNS on 12/09/2019 for this proposal under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and WAC 197-11-340(2).

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