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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 20-030: TEANAWAY COMMUNITY FOREST GRAZING IMPROVEMENTS

Description of Proposal:

There are a total of 13 sites for this project and the actions at these sites can include fence installation, hardened crossing installation, and/or woody debris bank stabilization. Of those 13 sites, fencing will be installed at 11 sites. A total of 3.2 miles of fence will be installed or repaired to protect wetlands and exclude cattle from areas of the stream they access for water or for crossing purposes. Exclusion fences will be installed and will remain fixed in place while some fences will be installed as drop fences that can be laid down after cattle season is over to prevent injury to wildlife when snow covers the fences. Of those 13 sites, hardened crossings will be installed at six sites on four streams/rivers within the Teanaway Community Forest to harden areas in the stream where cattle cross or use as a drinking source. Across all those six sites, below ordinary high water approximately 70 CY of native streambed will be removed and 70 CY of quarry spalls will be added as fill. Above the ordinary high water mark, a total of 139 CY of native streambed will be removed and a total of 59 CY of quarry spalls will be added resulting in a net of 80 CY of cut across those six sites. Only one site will have woody material used for bank stabilization (Storey (19)).

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Thirteen sites within the Teanaway Community Forest located between 4 and 8 miles north of Cle Elum, Kittitas County, Washington: Multiple sections within Townships 20N and 21N, Ranges 15E and 16E.

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 June 16, 2020.**

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/licenses/environmental/sepa/open-comments>
- 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: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/closed-final>. 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 above or email SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov.

DATE OF ISSUE: June 2, 2020

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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