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Re:

WDFW Teanaway Community Forest Grazing Improvements Project

Shoreline Exemption

To whom it may concern,

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is proposing improvements to grazing infrastructure in the Teanaway Community Forest in Kittitas County. There are 13 sites for this project and the actions at these sites can include fence installation, cattle 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, cattle 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 73 cubic yards (CY) of native streambed will be removed, and 73 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)).

Site	Parcel	Latitude/ Longitude	Section, Township, Range	Waterbody
Casland (11)	037-804835	47.254084 / -120.884720	S- 6, T-20N, R 16-E	Teanaway River
WFT (22)	037-717535	47.262634 / -120.91306	S- 36, T-21N, R-15E	None
Storey (19)	037-337635	47.280176 / -120.850469	S-28, T-21N, R-16E	Storey Creek
Dickey (1)	037-337635	47.287664 / -120.834665	S-28, T-21N, R-16E	Dickey Creek
Shirk (18)	037-117535	47.305796 / -120.868978	S-17, T-21N, R-16E	Shirk Creek
Indian (3)	037-607535	47.313021 / -120.836905	S-17, T-21N, R-16E	Indian Creek
Indian (5)	037-927535	47.316553 / -120.828113	S-15, T-21N, R- 16E	Indian Creek
Indian (6)	037-917535	47.326769 / -120.801602	S-11, T-21N, R- 16E	Indian Creek
No-name (14)	037-627535	47.317457 / -120.852831	S-17, T-21N, R-16E	No name Creek
Jack (7)	037-297535	47.330177 / -120.839939	S- 9, T- 21N, R- 16E	Jack Creek
Floodplain	037-057535 & 037-037535	47.336556 / -120.851000	S- 4&5, T21N, R-16E	N. Fork Teanaway River & Jungle Creek
Little Jungle (10)	037-057535	47.333835 / -120.863381	S-5, T-21N, R-16E	Jungle Creek
Jungle (8)	037-067535	47.345124 / -120.873129	S-6, T-21N, R-16E	Jungle

Please see the attached Shoreline Exemption Permit Application package that includes permit drawings of the site plan and specific elements, a JARPA, the SEPA checklist and DNS outcome, and WDFW Sponsorship Letter supporting the project under WAC 173-27-040(1)(p). The cultural resources survey has not been finalized but a final copy of the survey report and results will be provided when it is available.

Thank you for your assistance with this project. If you have any questions concerning this project please contact me at (360) 790-3036 or via email at Bridgette.glass@dfw.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Bridgette Glass, WDFW Environmental Planner 3 Capital and Asset Management Program

Attachments

- 1. Shoreline Exemption Permit Application
- 2. Permit Drawings/Site Plan
- 3. JARPA

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- 4. SEPA Checklist and DNS
- 5. WDFW Sponsorship Letter

