

WAC 197-11-970
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Name of Proposal:

SR 970 Teanaway Chronic Environmental Deficiency (CED) at Milepost 6.1.

Description of Proposal:

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) proposes to stabilize the right bank of the Teanaway River to prevent further erosion of the State Route 970 (SR 970) roadway prism in the vicinity of milepost (MP) 6.1, in Kittitas County, Washington.

The project proposes to construct a 742-foot-long bank-protection revetment integrated into the existing roadway prism. The proposed revetment design combines a wood and rock crib-wall with two bioengineered rock and large woody material (LWM) sections. Transition grading will occur on both ends of each rock and LWM section.

The project is located within a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regulated floodway and 100-year floodplain. Because the project site is within the designated floodway and the 100-year floodplain, any proposed work within the area must meet a no-rise requirement for surface-water elevations. The project's hydraulic analysis and design incorporates the FEMA no-rise requirement.

When complete, the project will protect the state's infrastructure, reduce maintenance costs, reduce impacts to fish and aquatic habitat from repetitive emergency maintenance actions, and improve aquatic habitat within this reach of the Teanaway River.

The anticipated construction sequence to complete the project will occur during the applicable regulatory fish window (August 16 to September 30) in 2022, and includes the following:

- Temporarily divert the mainstem Teanaway River into an existing side channel south of the proposed project site.
- Construct a 743-foot-long bank protection revetment that combines a wood and rock crib-wall with two bioengineered rock and large woody material (LWM) sections integrated into the existing roadway prism. Transition grading will occur on both ends of each rock and LWM section.
- A combination of riparian trees and shrubs, wetland plants, and grasses will be used to re-establish native vegetation in disturbed areas within the proposed project site.

Proponent:

Washington State Department of Transportation, South Central Region.

Location of Proposal:

The proposed project is in the vicinity of milepost (MP) 6.1 in Kittitas County, Washington. Specifically, the proposed project is located at SW ¼ Sec.25, T. 20 N., R. 17 E., WM.

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Lead Agency:

As lead agency for this proposal, WSDOT has determined that this project does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, 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.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340 (2). The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the signature date below. Comments must be submitted to the WSDOT South Central Region by **April 14, 2021**. After the review period has elapsed, all comments received will be evaluated and the DNS will be retained, modified, or withdrawn as required by SEPA regulations.

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