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SEPA ACTION DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

File: Caribou Creek SEPA Checklist (SE-19-00001)

Description: The Kittitas County Conservation District (KCCD), through the Yakima Tributary Access & Habitat Program (YTAHP) is proposing to remove an inactive unscreened gravity irrigation diversion on Caribou Creek to fully restore fish passage at stream mile 1.17. The concrete diversion was in operation, unscreened and forming a fish passage barrier through the 2017 irrigation season. The fish screening component was addressed by Kittitas County Conservation District through the YTAHP by moving the irrigation intake to a new location and installing screens that meet NOAA Fisheries and WDFW fish screening criteria. Therefore, the gravity diversion is no longer necessary. The remaining project component is fish passage, which will be addressed by removing the concrete check dam structure. The project will result in restored fish passage through this reach.

Proponent: Mark Crowley, Kittitas County Conservation District
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Ellensburg, WA 98926

Location: The project is located in T17N, R19E, Section 22, ¼ Section NE & NW.
Kittitas County parcels 490133 & 430133.

Lead Agency: Kittitas County Community Development Services

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it will 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, or can be viewed at the Kittitas County Community Development Services website at: <http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/cds/land-use/default.aspx> under "Miscellaneous SEPA Applications," and file number SE-19-00001.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 15 days. Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge this administrative SEPA action on the grounds of noncompliance with the provisions of Chapter 43.21 RCW, shall be commenced on or before **January 31, 2019 at 5 p.m.** to the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners, Rm. 108, County Courthouse, Ellensburg WA 98926

Direct question regarding this proposal to:

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**Responsible
Official:**



Lindsey Ozbolt

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Date: January 15, 2019

Pursuant to Chapter 15A.07.010 KCC, this DNS may be appealed by submitting specific factual objections in writing with a fee of \$1400.00 to the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners, Kittitas County Courthouse Room 110, Ellensburg, WA 98926. Timely appeals must be received no later than 5:00pm, January 31, 2019. Aggrieved parties are encouraged to contact the Board at (509) 962-7508 for more information on appeal process.