



STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Mitigated Determination of NonSignificance

October 7, 2019

Lead agency:

Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington (Grant PUD)

Agency Contact:

Ross Hendrick
PO Box 878
Ephrata, WA 98823
509-793-1468
Rhendr1@gcpud.org

Description of proposal – Wanapum Right Bank Stabilization Project

In May 2018, due to high run off flows of the Columbia River, the right (west) bank near the Wanapum avian tower 4 required emergency stabilization. The shoreline was armored 100 yards downstream and 100 yards upstream of avian tower 4. Grant PUD is proposing to armor approximately 300 yards of the shoreline on the right (west) bank from avian tower 4 to the Wanapum dam. All work will be completed landward of the Ordinary High Water Mark and during low/normal lows so no in-water work will occur. Stabilization efforts include using an excavator/backhoe to level the bank (e.g. pull it back) to allow for safe access with a front-end loader near the edge of the bank. The rip rap (~24-inch diameter) will be added to the bank using dump trucks and front loaders to provide stability to the remaining 300 yards of the shoreline to prevent further erosion and damage to the avian tower.

Location of proposal:

From I-90, take the Huntzinger Road exit and travel south on Huntzinger Road for approximately 6 miles to Wanapum Dam (will be on your left). The project site is located within the secured perimeter of Wanapum Dam. Township 16N, Section 20, Range 23EW of Kittitas County.

Name, phone, e-mail of applicant/proponent:

Igor Shaporda
509-754-5088 Ext. 4114
Ishapor@gcpud.org

Grant PUD has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. Pursuant to WAC 197-11-350(3), the proposal has been clarified, changed, and conditioned to include the necessary mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for probable significant impacts. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). The necessary mitigation measures are listed below, the Environmental Checklist is attached.

This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions:

This proposal may have minor impacts to some habitat areas during flood flows. Grant PUD has developed a mitigation plan to account for these potential impacts.

This MDNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and the comment period will end on October 21, 2019.

Responsible Official:

Ross Hendrick
Senior Manager, Environmental Affairs
PO Box 878
Ephrata, WA 98823
509-793-1583
Rhendri@gcpud.org

Signature



Date

10-7-19