



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE
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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Name of Proposal: CHANNEL CHANGE OF UNNAMED TRIBUTARY TO LYLE CREEK

Description of Proposal: The "spring creek" tributary currently runs through cultivated farm fields and has a minimal riparian zone. The fields are cultivated to almost the top of the stream bank, and runoff from the open fields flows directly into the stream. There is no shade and the stream bottom is silty. The only fish in this section of channel are sticklebacks and a small sucker.

The proposal is to re-route a 1500 foot section of the stream to the field edge. Approximately 550 feet would be in a culvert across the north edge of the field where it flows west adjacent to the Bull Canal. The remaining 950 feet flowing south would be new open channel with instream habitat features usable by salmonids and a riparian zone of grasses and native woody riparian trees and shrubs. The new channel would be constructed in isolation from the existing stream and planted as soon as possible to allow establishment of vegetation prior to diverting flow into the new channel in the fall of 2005.

Proponent: Jeff Brunson, 1585 Tjossem Road, Ellensburg, Washington 98926 (509) 962-2840

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: 1585 Tjossem Road, Ellensburg, Washington, Kittitas County; NE 1/4 of Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 18 East WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does 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 the 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 date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **December 20, 2004**

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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DATE OF ISSUE: December 6, 2004 **SIGNATURE:**



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