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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 21-027: UPLIST FERRUGINOUS HAWK AS ENDANGERED IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Description of Proposal:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) proposes to uplist and reclassify the Ferruginous Hawk in the state of Washington under WAC 220-610-010. The purpose of this rule proposal is to uplist the Ferruginous Hawk as endangered in the state of Washington under WAC 220-610-010. Anticipated effects include the additional recognition and prioritization of the conservation need and actions around Ferruginous Hawk. If the status change is approved, Ferruginous Hawk will also be removed from WAC 220-200-100 Wildlife classified as protected shall not be hunted or finished, and added to WAC 220-610-010 Wildlife classified as endangered species; administrative changes have been made to species names for consistency.

WDFW bases its proposal to uplist Ferruginous Hawk as endangered on scientific information contained in its report *Washington State Periodic Status Review for the Ferruginous Hawk*. This report summarizes evidence that the Ferruginous Hawk population is declining and is threatened with extinction in significant portions of its remnant range in the state. The report recommends that the species be classified as an endangered species.

The report is available at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/02210/>.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: In Washington, Ferruginous Hawks are restricted to the arid shrubsteppe region of southeastern Washington. Most hawks migrate from their breeding ranges in Washington with only a small percentage (6%) overwintering on their breeding territories in the state. Breeding activity has been confirmed in eastern Washington counties (Douglas, Lincoln, Grant, Kittitas, Adams, Whitman, Yakima, Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, and Klickitat) with most nesting territories concentrated in Benton and Franklin Counties.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² **We will not act on this proposal for 21 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 21 days of the date of this letter. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on July 15, 2021**.

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Online at the WDFW SEPA comment link at: <https://publicinput.com/T4554>
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Habitat Program, Protection Division

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/closed-final>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at the address above or email SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov.

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SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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