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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 23-045: WEST LITTLE WALLA WALLA RIVER  
RESTORATION

**Description of Proposal:**

The project will install post assisted log jams in the .10 mile of stream channel at the mouth of the West Little Walla Walla River to reconnect historic channels and floodplain. Reconnecting the historic channels will get water to the existing wetlands and potentially create new wetlands, as well as improving the connection of the West Little Walla Walla River to the Walla Walla River. Reed canary grass will be dug up by hand and removed from the streambanks of the West Little Walla Walla River, ground cloth (weed barrier) will be laid where the reed canary grass was removed, and riparian trees and shrubs will be planted to create shade for the stream.

Native trees, shrubs, and forbs will be planted into the existing grass stands on the upland portions of the property to provide wildlife habitat for all species. Mast producing trees will be planted in the field adjacent to the Walla Walla River to provide food for deer, turkeys, and other wildlife.

The riparian areas, wetland, and floodplain make up ~14 acres of the project site. The upland area of the project site make up ~18 acres. The entire project area is ~32 acres.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)  
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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Swegle Unit of the WT Wooten Wildlife Area, west of the City of Walla Walla, along Stovall Road, Walla Walla, Walla Walla County, Washington: Township 7N, Range 35E, Section 31.

**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 law<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> **We will not act on this proposal for 14 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 14 days of the date of this letter. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on November 21, 2023**.

**Method of Comment:**

SEPA documents related to this proposal can be reviewed at the WDFW SEPA website at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/open-comments>.

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 through one of the following ways:

- Online at the Public Input comment portal for this proposal: <https://publicinput.com/LittleWWRestoration>
- Email to: [LittleWWRestoration@PublicInput.com](mailto:LittleWWRestoration@PublicInput.com)

**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.<sup>1</sup>

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, or have difficulty with the Public Input comment portal, contact Lisa Wood at: [SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov).

**DATE OF ISSUE:** November 7, 2023

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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

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