WAC 197-11-970

Determination of Nonsignificance

Description of Proposal: Public Utility District No.1 of Douglas County proposes to install a passive integrated transponder (PIT)-tag-detection system on the railroad bridge over the Methow River for the purpose of detecting passing fish that have had PIT tags implanted into them by researchers. The system will comprise fiberglass-reinforced plastic (FRP) and stainless-steel frames set into recesses on both sides of each of three concrete piers supporting the bridge. PIT-tag-detection antennas will be installed within those frames so that a detection field will extend into the adjacent water on both sides of each pier.

Proponent: Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County

Location of Proposal, including street address, if any:

The PIT-tag-detection system will be installed on the railroad bridge that spans the Methow River located at the confluence of the Methow and Columbia Rivers, Pateros, WA, Lat/Long: 48.050552/-119.902657

Lead agency: Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County

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 a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

__ There is no comment period for the DNS.

X This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 15 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by **May 30th, 2025.**

Responsible official: John M. Brown

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Date: April 22nd, 2025

Signature:

John M. Brown, SEPA Official

There is no agency/administrative appeal process **CH.197-11**