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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 24-036: MIMA CREEK ACCESS AND PARKING

**Description of Proposal:**

WDFW proposes to improve recreational access at the Black River Unit of the Scatter Creek Wildlife Area located off Gate Rd SW in Olympia, Washington. We propose to construct a 40 ft x 50 ft gravel parking area with a culvert, entrance apron, gate that leads to a leased field that is mowed, barbed wire fence around the parking area (approximately 140 linear ft), and one 6 ft x 8 ft informational kiosk. The culvert and entrance apron will be sized based on Thurston County requirements. This parking area will provide access for hunting, wildlife viewing, and other recreational uses, as well as improve safety on Gate Rd. Currently, vehicles park on the shoulder when accessing the site, which is a safety concern for vehicles traveling Gate Rd.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)  
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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Black River Unit of the WDFW Scatter Creek Wildlife Area. The project is located near 9158 Gate Road, Olympia, Thurston County, Washington: Township 16N, Range 3W, Section 17.

**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 determination according to state rules.<sup>2</sup> Agencies, tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this determination. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this document. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on September 17, 2024.**

**Method of Comment:**

SEPA documents related to this proposal can be reviewed at the WDFW SEPA website at: [SEPA documents available for public comment | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife](#).

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA determinations. 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: [Mima Creek Access](#)
- Email to: [MimaCreekAccess@PublicInput.com](mailto:MimaCreekAccess@PublicInput.com)

**Responsible Official:** Lisa Wood

**Position/Title:** SEPA Responsible Official and SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Director's Office

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this determination on the WDFW SEPA website: [Final SEPA documents | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife](#). After 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 determination 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:** September 3, 2024

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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

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