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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 25-006: MIDDLE AND WEST FOSTER CREEKS RIPARIAN RESTORATION

**Description of Proposal:**

WDFW proposes to restore individual reaches of West Foster Creek and Middle Foster Creek by installing beaver dam analogs (BDAs), post assisted log structure (PALS), and Zeedyk rock structures. These creeks are in Douglas County on the Sagebrush Flat and Wells wildlife areas. The creeks have incised channels and headcuts due to numerous flood events that occurred in the 20th Century. The project goal is to stop the incision process, improve water quality, water retention, and stream habitat, plus reconnect the creeks to their floodplain and improve the health and diversity of the surrounding riparian vegetation community.

Up to 30 CY of off-site rock may be used for instream rock structures. Material used for BDA construction will consist of tree limbs, weed free straw, wood chips, untreated wood posts, plus vegetation, dirt, and rocks collected from the creekbed and vicinity.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)  
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**Location of Proposal:** Two locations in Douglas County, Washington:

- West Foster Creek, Bridgeport Unit of the WDFW Sagebrush Flat Wildlife Area and West Foster Creek Unit of the WDFW Wells Wildlife Area, approximately 4 miles south of Bridgeport: Township 28N, Range 25E, Sections 2, 10, 11, 15, and 16.
- Middle Foster Creek, Bridgeport Unit of the WDFW Sagebrush Flat Wildlife Area, approximately 5 miles south of Bridgeport: Township 28N, Range 25E, Section 15.

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

WDFW has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and that an environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c).

WDFW issued this Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) under WAC 197-11-340. 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 February 21, 2025.**

**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: [West Middle Foster Restoration](#)
- Email to: [WestMiddleFosterRestoration@PublicInput.com](mailto:WestMiddleFosterRestoration@PublicInput.com)

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.

**Responsible Official:** Lisa Wood

**Position/Title:** SEPA Responsible Official and SEPA/NEPA Coordinator  
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If you have questions about this determination or the details of the proposal, or need assistance with the Public Input comment portal, contact Lisa Wood at: [SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov).

**DATE OF ISSUE:** February 7, 2025

**SIGNATURE:**



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