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MEMORANDUM

August 13, 2020

File No. 20-081301

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Tracy Cooper, SEPA Center

SUBJECT: **SEPA LEAD AGENCY & DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

This is to advise you that pursuant to WAC 197-11-900 (922 through 948), the Department of Natural Resources has determined that it is Lead Agency for the following:

Walker Valley 2020 Off-Road Vehicle Bridge Replacement and Removal Project: This proposal consists of three off-road vehicle bridge replacement projects all within the Walker Valley Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Area. The bridge projects, referred to hereafter as SMC #2, Pat's #1, and Chris Cross #1, will improve existing stream crossings and replace deteriorated wooden bridges. All bridges have been designed to pass 100-year flows.

The SMC #2 bridge crosses an unnamed tributary to Pilchuck Creek. The Pat's #1 bridge crosses an unnamed tributary to Walker Creek. The Chris Cross #1 bridge crosses a type Ns (non-fish-bearing, seasonal) stream which flows to an unnamed tributary to Walker Creek. The new bridges have been designed to span the channels and only impact upland habitat areas around the existing bridge and trail approach. The bridges are intended to accommodate motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle (ATV) trail riding. Located in Sections 03, 10, 15, Township 33 North, Range 05 East, W.M., Skagit County.

Information about this proposal including the Threshold Determination and SEPA Checklist can be accessed through DNR's website at:

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/state-environmental-policy-act-sepa>

Pursuant to WAC 332-41-504, this proposal was filed in the department's SEPA Center at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, on **August 13, 2020**. We will consider comments on this proposed DNS received by 4:30 p.m. on **August 27, 2020**. Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center at, sepacenter@dnr.wa.gov or P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.