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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Walker Valley 2020 Off-Road Vehicle Trails Bridge Replacement Projects: SMC #2, Pat's #1, Chris Cross #1 Bridges.

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.

Proponent: Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal, including street address, if any:

The project site is located in Skagit County within the Walker Valley Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) area, approximately 8 miles east of the City of Mount Vernon, situated within Washington Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) managed forest lands. The project bridge sites are located in Sections 3, 10, and 15 of Township 33N, Range 05E of the Public Land Survey System. The street address for the trailhead is 18652 Peter Burns Rd, Mt Vernon, WA 98274.

The SMC #2 bridge site is located along the SMC ORV trail system; Pat's #1 bridge can be accessed via DNR managed forest road WV-05 off of Peter Burns Road; Chris Cross #1 bridge can be accessed via forest road WV-ML to the Chris Cross trail system.

Lead agency: Washington State Department of Natural Resources

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 this DNS

This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from August 13, 2020. Comments must be submitted by August 27, 2020.

Responsible official: Jay Guthrie

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.