

WAC 197-11-970 - Determination of Non-significance (DNS)

Date of Notice: February 26, 2020

Lead Agency: Chelan County Flood Control Zone District

Project Location: The Cashmere levee system is located in Cashmere, WA., approximately 8 miles west of Wenatchee. Three levees are located in both Chelan County and the City of Cashmere, as detailed below:

Township 23 North, Range 19 East, Section 5 (Levee 1, county/city)

Township 24 North, Range 19 East, Section 33 (Levee 2, city)

Township 23 North, Range 19 East, Section 3 (Levee 3, city)

Project Description: The City of Cashmere is protected by three levees which were constructed in the early 1950s by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for the construction of US 2 Highway through Cashmere. City of Cashmere and the Chelan County Flood Control Zone District's desire to ensure all Public Law 84-99 (PL 84-99) levees meet the USACE inspection criteria to retain PL 84-99 program eligibility. Eligibility in this program is important in that it provides for cost sharing of repair activities as a result of an emergency. In order to be eligible, the levee must meet certain standards based on an inspection of levee components, including slope protection, adequate drainage, rip rap, and erosion. As a result of these necessary repairs, the Cashmere Levee Management Plan was developed and is a local approach that intends to balance the needs of flood risk reduction with the habitat needs of salmonids and other aquatic species found within the Wenatchee River system.

Mitigation Measures: Mitigation measures have been proposed that reduce impacts to endangered species, riparian habitat, water quality, and erosion. Two sites along the Wenatchee River have been secured in order to mitigate for maintenance work along the levees. These measures can be found within the Supporting Information referenced below, including the Cashmere Levee Management Plan.

Supporting Information: Information used to reach this determination is available for public review at Chelan County Public Works office located at 316 Washington Street, Suite, 402, Wenatchee, WA; or on the Chelan County Flood Control Zone District homepage, under "About FCZD – Cashmere Levee Plan"; or by following <https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/flood-control-zone-district/pages/cashmere-levee-management-plan>

Decision: The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have 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 using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355.

- This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2), the lead agency will not act on this proposal for a minimum of 14 days from the signature date below.

Comments must be submitted by March 18, 2020 by 5:00 P.M.

Please refer questions/comments relating to this determination or the proposal to:

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C/O Chelan County Public Works
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Responsible Official: Eric Pierson, P.E.
Position/Title: Chelan County Flood Control Zone District, District Administrator
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Date: 2/26/2020 Signature:  _____

Note: The issuance of this Determination of Non-Significance does not constitute project approval. The applicant must comply with all other applicable requirements of Chelan County, federal, and state agencies, and/or Hearing Examiner prior to commencing work.

Publish: Wenatchee World, Cashmere Valley Record
Charge: Chelan County Flood Control Zone District, 316 Washington St, Suite 402,
Wenatchee, WA 98801