



CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND

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SEPA DETERMINATION OF MITIGATED NON-SIGNIFICANCE (MDNS) File Number PLN15-0062

Description of Proposal: Beaver dam removal at five (5) locations within the city limits of Black Diamond.

Proponent: City of Black Diamond Public Works

Location of Proposal: (1) Within Lake Sawyer Regional Park, approximately 500 yard east of the gate on SE 312th St, (2) Rock Creek Bridge on Roberts Dr., (3) Morgan St. at the Ginder Creek crossing, (4) Abrams Ave. at the Rock Creek crossing, and (5) Jones Lake/Rock Creek culvert located on the service road between Railroad Ave. and Abrams Ave. and downstream (to the west) approximately 100 yards.

Lead Agency: City of Black Diamond

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.

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Date: February 16, 2016

Signature:

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date above. Comments must be submitted by March 1, 2016.

You may appeal this determination at the Community Development Department, 24301 Roberts Drive, Black Diamond, no later than 5:00 p.m., March 1, 2016 by completing the proper appeal form and paying an appeal fee of \$250.00. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections.

Contact the Community Development Department at 360-886-5700 to read or ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals.

Mitigation Measures: The following SEPA mitigations are hereby incorporated into this determination of nonsignificance.

1. Apply general best management practices and standard project considerations prior to commencement of work to minimize sediment from entering water bodies.

2. Remove all dam debris from site, where feasible, to prevent beavers from reusing it to repair dams and further damage riparian vegetation.
3. Undertake machinery work only when necessary; position it in a manner that will cause the least possible ground and vegetation disturbances.
4. Undertake machinery work only from a stream bank or naturally dry channel; machine work is not allowed within a wetted perimeter.
5. Do not allow digging bucket to enter streams.
6. Observe Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife regional timing windows prior to dam removal to minimize fish impacts, unless an emergency exists.
7. Complete dam removal in a controlled manner beginning with most downstream dam and progressing upstream; undertake incremental reductions in dam height and allow time for water level and sedimentation to stabilize to minimize silt transfer and sediment impacts.
8. Obtain written authority for ingress/egress through and over any private land prior to commencing work.
9. Develop and implement other beaver management techniques to reduce the need for periodic dam removal, including the installation of fencing at strategic locations.