



Snohomish County Public Works

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)  
and LAND DISTURBING ACTIVITY PERMIT**

**PROJECT NAME** Jackson Gulch Road Slide Repair- (RC 1681)

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:** Snohomish County Public Works proposes to install a spiralnail reinforcement system to stabilize unstable slopes adjacent to and downslope from Jackson Gulch Road (236th Street NW). A one-lane closure has been in place on Jackson Gulch Road where the eastbound travel lane has been damaged by slope instability. Continuing slope instability poses a threat to Jackson Gulch Road. Four rows of 22-foot spiralnails would be driven into the roadway embankment slopes to provide slope stability. “Spider” slope reinforcement would be attached to each of the spiralnails at the slope surface. The “Spider” reinforcement would form a reinforced wire web over the slope face that enables slope reinforcement with minimal disturbance to slope vegetation. An additional bottom row of drain nails would be installed downslope from the spiral nails to promote slope drainage and slope stability.

With no viable detour routes available, the current one-lane closure at Jackson Gulch Road (236th Street NW) would remain in place during repair work construction.

While the proposed work would occur primarily in existing roadway right-of-way, additional right-of-way is required to accommodate a portion of the spiralnail system at the Jackson Gulch Road site. The repair would maintain the existing roadway alignment. The existing closed roadway travel lanes would be used as a staging area to accommodate construction machinery access. SCPW proposes to revegetate disturbed areas once slope stabilization repairs have been completed.

**LOCATION OF PROPOSAL:** The repair project site is located in unincorporated northwest Snohomish County. The project activity would stabilize slopes downslope from the existing roadway travel lanes. The Jackson Gulch Road project site is located approximately 0.6 mile west of Interstate 5, in Section 1, Township 31 North, Range 4 East, W.M. of Snohomish County.

**APPLICANT AND LEAD AGENCY:** Snohomish County Public Works

**LAND DISTURBING ACTIVITY (LDA) PERMIT:** This project will require an LDA permit. Approximately 20 cubic yards of asphalt would need to be excavated and replaced with 40 cubic yards of rock fill places below the replacement asphalt, and 5 cubic yards of slope embankment soils would be excavated to accommodate Spider reinforcement installation. The

excavated material would be hauled away and disposed of at a permitted off-site facility. Additional site disturbance would be associated with removing the existing timber bridge abutment.

**THRESHOLD DETERMINATION:** 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 upon request.

The lead agency has determined that the requirements for environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed in the county's development regulations and comprehensive plan adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW, and in other applicable local, state, or federal laws and rules, as provided by RCW 43.21C.240 and WAC 197-11-158. Our agency would not require any additional mitigation measures under chapter 30.61 SCC.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** This DNS and LDA are subject to a 21-day comment period. Written comments may be submitted by mail or e-mail to the lead agency's contact person. See name and address below. Comments must be received by 5 p.m., July 6, 2015.


**APPEALS:** This DNS may be appealed pursuant to the requirements of SCC 30.61.300 and Chapter 2.02 SCC. There is a 21-day appeal period for the DNS that commences from the date of publication of notice. Any appeal must be addressed to the County Hearing Examiner, accompanied by a filing fee of \$500.00, and be filed in writing at Snohomish County Public Works, 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Robert J. Drewel Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Customer Service Center, Everett, Washington. The appeal must be received by 5 p.m., July 6, 2015 .

The appeal must contain the items set forth in SCC 30.71.050(5). In addition, SCC 30.61.305(1) also requires that any person filing an appeal of a threshold determination made pursuant to chapter 30.61 SCC shall file with the hearing examiner, within seven days of filing the appeal, a sworn affidavit or declaration demonstrating facts and evidence, that, if proven, would demonstrate that the issuance of the threshold determination was clearly erroneous.

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**Signature:**  \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 6/3/15

**DISCLAIMER:**

The determination that an environmental impact statement does not have to be filed does not mean there would be no adverse environmental impacts. Snohomish County codes governing noise control, land use performance standards, construction and improvement of county roads, drainage control, building practices would provide substantial mitigation of the aforementioned impacts.

The issuance of this Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) should not be interpreted as acceptance or approval of this proposal as presented. Snohomish County reserves the right to deny or approve said proposal subject to conditions if it is determined to be in the best interest of the County and/or necessary to the general health, safety, and welfare of the public to do so.

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Attachments: SEPA Checklist, Project Area Map

