

PUBLIC NOTICE
DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)
and LAND DISTURBING ACTIVITY PERMIT

PROJECT NAME and NUMBER: Mouse Creek Drainage Improvement Project (RC1582)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: Snohomish County proposes to reduce flooding over Sauk Prairie Road by restoring the channel of Mouse Creek, which will also improve fish passage for coho and other species. Mouse Creek historically deposited its sediment load in an upstream area of an alluvial fan at the base of the steep slopes south of Sauk Prairie Road. After a manmade berm was installed on the right bank of Mouse Creek preventing deposition of the sediment upstream, the stream's sediment load was transported down to the roadway where it aggraded. This caused an avulsion of the stream to the northeast towards an 18-inch culvert. Sediment has accumulated at the inlet and outlet to the culvert, leading to flooding over the road. There are four elements to the proposed project, which will occur on property owned by the U.S. Forest Service and the Gage family: (1) removal of the manmade berm, (2) excavation of the stream channel upstream of the road, (3) placement of habitat logs in the stream, and (4) installation of a log barrier to insure that the berm removal does not exacerbate flooding on the developed part of the Gage property.

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL: Approximately 3 miles northeast of the Town of Darrington, adjacent to 49528 Sauk Prairie Road, in Section 18, Township 32 North, Range 10 East, W.M.

APPLICANT AND LEAD AGENCY: Snohomish County Public Works

LAND DISTURBING ACTIVITY (LDA) PERMIT: This project will require an LDA permit. Preliminary estimates for cut and fill quantities are 314 cubic yards of cut and 24 cubic yards of fill.

THRESHOLD DETERMINATION: The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probably significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 4.21C.30(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 RCS, 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 will not require any additional mitigation measures under chapter 30.61 SCC.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: This DNS and the LDA are subject to a 21-day public and agency comment period. Written comments may be submitted by mail or email to the lead agency's contact person. See name and address below. Comments must be received by June 11, 2018 on or before 5 p.m.

APPEALS: There is no opportunity for appeal at this time. Pursuant to SCC 30.61.300(3), SEPA appeals related to an LDA permit (a Type 1 decision) shall be submitted to the Hearing Examiner together with appeal of the underlying LDA permit.

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DISCLAIMER:

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

The issuance of this Determination of Nonsignificance (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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