



**CITY OF WHITE SALMON PLANNING DEPARTMENT
NOTICE OF SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS),
COMMENT PERIOD, APPEAL PERIOD, AND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**
For
WHITE SALMON CRITICAL AREAS ORDINANCE UPDATE

File #WS-SEPA-2023.004

Proponent/ Lead agency: City of White Salmon
PO Box 2139
White Salmon, WA 98672

Notice is hereby given that the City of White Salmon (Applicant) filed a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist (#WS-SEPA-2023.004) for our Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) Update.

The City is performing a review of its Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) as required by the State under the Growth Management Act (GMA) for partially planning cities to preserve natural resource lands and critical areas. The City is updating its Critical Areas Ordinance to keep it current with the best available science and consistency with state law, as well as to improve the administration of this chapter. In the future, the City will periodically review its Shoreline Master Plan (SMP) at intervals prescribed by state law. Development projects within and adjacent to the City's mapped critical areas may be proposed at any time and will be reviewed for compliance with the Chapter 18.10 Critical Areas Ordinance at the time of application.

The proposed Critical Areas Ordinance is currently under review and local adoption is anticipated in late Fall 2023. The application was determined to be completed on August 28, 2023.

The application includes the SEPA checklist and DRAFT White Salmon Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) amendments. Documents are available on the city's website (whitesalmonwa.gov).

SEPA Threshold Determination

The City of White Salmon has determined that this proposal will 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). After reviewing a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency, this decision was made. This information is available to the public upon request.

SEPA Comment and Appeal Period

Any person desiring to express their views or to be notified of the action taken on this application should notify the City of White Salmon in writing of their interest within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this notice, which is August 30, 2023. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 PM on September 13, 2023. Comments can be submitted by mail to City of White Salmon (PO Box 2139, White Salmon, WA 98672), in person at City Hall's Dropbox (100 N. Main), or by email correspondence at Erikac@ci.white-salmon.wa.us

Per the White Salmon Municipal Code 18.20.170 - Environmental Protection (SEPA review) Appeal, any agency or person may appeal this DNS to the city council. The proponent or any aggrieved party may perfect such appeal by giving notice to the responsible official within ten days of the decision being appealed. Appeals shall not be deemed complete without payment of the appeal fees applicable, payable to the City of White Salmon. Appeals must be filed by September 13, 2023.

Public Hearing

A public hearing regarding the DRAFT Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) Update (with a virtual/telephonic attendance option) will be held during the Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 5:30 PM. The hearing will be in the City Council Chambers (119 NE Church). Those interested may attend the meeting and provide verbal comments at this meeting—Zoom [Meeting ID: 833 8311 3322](https://us02zoom.us/j/83383113322). If you have questions about the September 13 meeting, please contact White Salmon City Hall at (509) 493-1133.

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