

# CITY OF WHITE SALMON

## CITY HALL OFFICE

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Date: August 30, 2023

To: Klickitat County: Assessor, Treasurer, Engineer, Environmental Health.  
Washington State Department of Transportation  
Washington State Department of Ecology  
Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Washington State Department of Natural Resources  
Washington State Department of Archaeological & Historic Preservation  
The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakima Nation  
The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs  
Nez Perce Tribe  
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation  
Columbia Gorge News  
Hospital Dist. #2  
PUD #1 of Klickitat County  
Yakima Nation  
NW Natural  
City of Bingen

From: City of White Salmon Planning Department

Subject: SEPA Determination of Non-significance (DNS)  
For City of White Salmon, File #WS-SEPA-2023.004  
Notice of SEPA Comment Period  
Notice of SEPA Appeal Period  
Notice of Public Hearing

Enclosed is a Determination of Non-significance (DNS) for the DRAFT Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) amendments. The City is updating its Critical Areas Ordinance to keep it current with best available science and consistency with state law, as well as improve administration of this chapter. In the future, the City will periodically review its 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.

This determination is issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-340(2). White Salmon will not act on this proposal for 14 calendar days from the date of issuance. The SEPA comment and appeal period runs from August 30, 2023, to September 13, 2023. The general public comment period for this update will extend to September 29, 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](mailto: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 13th, 2023.

The White Salmon Planning Commission will also hold a Public Hearing to receive verbal comments regarding proposed Critical Areas Ordinance Update at its regular planning commission meeting on September 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. The hearing will be in the City Council Chambers (119 NE Church). The city will meet in person and via teleconference. Any individual who wishes to testify in person or via teleconference will be allowed to do so. A copy of the proposed ordinance will be available on the city's webpage or by calling Erika Castro Guzman at (509) 493-1133 ext. 209.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

## SEPA DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Environmental Checklist No:** WS-SEPA-2023.004

**Description of Proposal:** The DRAFT Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) amendments. The city is performing a review of its CAO as required by the State under the Growth Management Act for partially planning cities to preserve natural resource lands and critical areas. As a result of a periodic review of the SMP, amendments to the CAO are proposed to keep it current with amendments to best available science, alignment with the recently-adopted SMP Periodic Update related to critical areas in shoreline jurisdiction and local guidance regarding administration.

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.

**Proponent:** City of White Salmon  
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White Salmon, WA 98672

**Lead agency:** City of White Salmon Planning Department  
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White Salmon, WA 98672

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.

This determination of nonsignificance (DNS) was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency and available upon request.

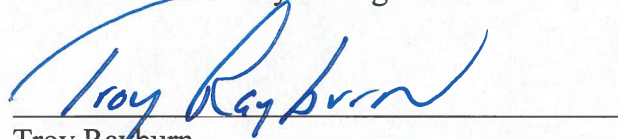
**Comment Period:** Comments received until September 29, 2023, at 5 PM

**Appeal Period Ends:** September 13, 2023, at 5 PM

**Notice of Public Hearing:** Planning Commission Meeting September 13, 2023, at 5:30 PM

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**DATED** this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023



Troy Rayburn  
City Administrator and SEPA Responsible Official