

CITY OF WHITE SALMON

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Date: December 4, 2024

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
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PUD #1 of Klickitat County
Yakima Nation
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From: City of White Salmon Planning Department

Subject: SEPA Determination of Non-significance (DNS)
For City of White Salmon, File #WS-SEPA-2024.004
Notice of SEPA Comment Period
Notice of SEPA Appeal Period
Notice of Public Hearing

Enclosed is a Determination of Non-significance (DNS) for an ordinance repealing WSMC 15.28 Floodplain Construction Restrictions and adopting WSMC 15.28 Flood Damage Prevention regulations. In order to maintain compliance with the National Flood Insurance Prevention Program, the City Council has determined it is in the best interest of the City to update flood damage prevention regulations by adopting new regulations based on Department of Ecology's model flood damage prevention ordinance.

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 December 11, 2024, to December 26, 2024. The general public comment period for this update will extend to January 10, 2025.

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 December 26, 2024.

The White Salmon Planning Commission will also hold a Public Hearing to receive verbal comments regarding the proposal to repeal WSMC 15.28 Floodplain Construction Restrictions and adopt WSM 15.28 Flood Damage Prevention at its regular Planning Commission meeting on December 11, 2024, 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) – NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Environmental Checklist No: WS-SEPA-2024.004

Description of Proposal: This is a non-project proposal. The City proposes to repeal WSMC 15.28 – Floodplain Construction Restrictions and adopt WSMC 15.28 Flood Damage Prevention to maintain compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) consistent with the Klickitat County’s 2024 FEMA mapping update in coordination with the Ecology Floodplain Management Division and FEMA Region X, effective February 14, 2025, as well as improve administration of the Chapter 15.28 of the White Salmon Municipal Code. Development projects within and adjacent to the City’s flood hazard areas may be proposed at any time and will be reviewed for compliance with Chapter 15.28 – Flood Damage Prevention at the time of application.

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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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: SEPA Comments received until December 26, 2024, at 5 PM

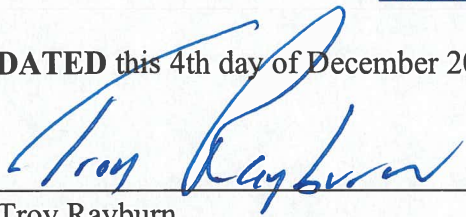
Note: The general public comment period for this update will extend to January 10, 2025.

Appeal Period Ends: December 26, 2024, at 5 PM

Notice of Public Hearing: Planning Commission Meeting: December 11, 2024, at 5:30 PM

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DATED this 4th day of December 2024



Troy Rayburn
City Administrator and SEPA Responsible Official