



CITY OF WHITE SALMON

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Date: July 10, 2024

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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
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The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
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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-2024.002
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 Tree Ordinance Update. The City proposes updating to the City's Tree Protection Ordinance (TPO) will be open for public comment starting July 10th through July 24th. Local adoption is anticipated in October of 2024. A copy of the draft plan documents may be requested at City Hall.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2), and the comment period will end on August 9, 2024. 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@whitesalmonwa.gov. 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 July 24, 2024.

A public hearing regarding the City's Tree Protection Ordinance (TPO), with a virtual/telephonic attendance option, will be held during the Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at 5:30 PM. The hearing will be in the City Council Chambers (119 NE Church). Those interested may attend the meeting and provide oral comments at the August 28 meeting. Please navigate to the Planning Commission page (<https://www.whitesalmonwa.gov/bc-pc>) for a link participate in the Public Hearing remotely via Zoom. If you have questions about the August 28 meeting, please contact White Salmon City Hall at (509) 493-1133.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

SEPA DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Environmental Checklist No: WS-SEPA-2024.002

Description of Proposal: The DRAFT Tree Ordinance Update. The City is updating its Tree Protection Ordinance (TPO) to keep it current with International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) standards, as well as improve administration of tree protection and removal. Development projects located near a significant or special tree would be reviewed for compliance with the TPO. In the future, the City may continue to implement the policy goals and objectives outlined in the City's Comprehensive Plan, Community Forest Management Plan and support efforts towards greater climate and wildfire resiliency. This is a non-project proposal. The TPO was developed to be compatible with existing City development standards. Development projects proposed within the City's limits must conform with the White Salmon Municipal Code, and all other applicable local, state, and federal regulations.

The proposed Tree Protection Ordinance is currently under review and local adoption is anticipated in October 2024. The application was determined to be completed on July 3, 2024.

Proponent: City of White Salmon
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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 is based on the following findings and conclusions: There are no planned disturbances to sensitive areas such as wetlands, waterbodies, sensitive ecological areas, or areas with known historical/archaeological features.

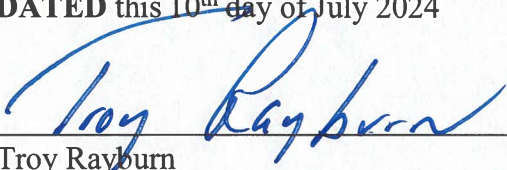
Comment Period: Comments received until July 24, 2024, at 5 PM

Appeal Period Ends: July 24, 2024, at 5 PM

Notice of Public Hearing: Planning Commission Meeting August 28, 2024, at 5:30 PM

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DATED this 10th day of July 2024



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