



# CITY OF WHITE SALMON

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Date: March 23, 2021

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  
City of White Salmon Property Owners within 300-ft Radius of the Project

From: City of White Salmon Planning Department

Subject: SEPA Determination of Non-significance (DNS)  
For NW Natural Gas Company, File #WS-SEPA-2021.001  
Notice of SEPA Comment Period

Enclosed is a Determination of Non-significance (DNS) for the proposed NW Natural Gas Company White Salmon Distribution Reinforcement project to upgrade the natural gas distribution system. See attached for a copy of the draft plan.



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This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2), and the comment period will end on April 7, 2021. Comments can be submitted by mail to City of White Salmon, PO Box 2139, White Salmon WA 98672, or in person at City Hall, 100 N. Main St., White Salmon WA 98672. Email correspondence will not be accepted. 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 April 7, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. The City contact person and telephone number for any questions on this review is Patrick Munyan, City Administrator, 509-493-1133 x202.



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### SEPA DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Environmental Checklist No:** WS-SEPA-2021.001

**Description of Proposal:** NW Natural Gas Company's White Salmon Distribution Reinforcement project shall upgrade the natural gas distribution system that services both the Cities of Bingen and White Salmon. This proposal would include installing an 8-inch diameter polyethylene natural gas pipeline between the intersection of Ash Street and Humboldt Street (*Bingen*) to E Jewett Blvd and Dock Grade Road (*White Salmon*). The proposed route would start/stop at the above intersection in Bingen, be routed north to Oak Street (*Bingen*), then follow Oak Street to E Jewett Blvd (*White Salmon*), and terminate at the intersection of E Jewett Blvd and Dock Grade Road (*White Salmon*). The total linear footage is approximately 5,500 feet.

**Proponent:** NW Natural Gas Company  
250 SW Taylor Street  
Portland, OR 97204

**Lead agency:** City of White Salmon Planning Department  
PO Box 2139  
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 is based on the following findings and conclusions: The entire extent of this project would occur within roadways, right-of-way, and previously disturbed areas. There are no planned disturbances to sensitive areas such as wetland, waterbodies, sensitive ecological areas, or areas with known historical/archaeological features.



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**Comment Period:** Comments received until April 7, 2021

**Appeal Period Ends:** April 7, 2021, at 5 PM

**Responsible Official:** Patrick Munyan  
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White Salmon, WA 98672  
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**DATED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick Munyan Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

Patrick R. Munyan Jr.  
City Administrator and SEPA Responsible Official