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RE: SEPA Exemption Determination

SUBJECT: WSDOT's Beaver Dam Removal or Modification Activities

WSDOT's Right of Way requires ongoing maintenance to protect the integrity of the infrastructure for the traveling public in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations.

This work includes removing or modifying beaver dams within waters of states along our highway. This becomes necessary when the water backed by the beaver dam floods the roadway creating a safety hazard for the traveling public or when the water is jeopardizing the integrity of the roadway embankment put the structure in danger of a catastrophic failure.

This activity will be limited to the conditions as found in the General HPA to be issued to WSDOT by WDFW and will be limited to beaver dams that have been in place less the one calendar year.

We have evaluated this activity and found the work to be categorically exempt from a SEPA threshold termination pursuant to WAC 468-12-800 (1) (u).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric Wolin".

Eric Wolin
Permit and Compliance Manager
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