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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: The project proposal aims to convert a current DNR dryland agricultural lease site into a more productive irrigated lease site. For the lease site (DNR lease C1200106184) to become irrigated, the site needs to attach to an offsite pipeline carrying surface water. This pipeline is part of the broader Odessa Irrigation Project. The lease site will need to install a connecting pipeline from the lease site to the offsite pipeline carrying the surface water. Before this attaching pipeline on the lease site can be built, the lease site needs to get administratively converted from a dryland lease to an irrigated lease, and as part of this process, water rights need to be transferred to the lease site. The Department of Ecology will only allow these water rights to be transferred to the lease site once the SEPA process has been conducted. For the lease site to get converted to an irrigated lease site, water will need to get piped to the lease site center field pivots for irrigation dispersal. Approximately 480 acres of cropland will get irrigated onsite. Excavation and installation of the irrigation pipeline and equipment will need to occur on the lease site.

Proponent: The DNR Water Resource Program and the DNR SE Region Agriculture Program

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: The legal description for this lease site and project area is: All of Section 36, Township 18 North, Range 31 East, W.M., Adams County, Washington.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does 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). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

There is no comment period for this DNS

This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from October 29, 2024. Comments must be submitted by November 12, 2024.

Responsible official: Joel Perez

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Date: Oct 29, 2024 **Signature:** 

There is no DNR administrative SEPA appeal.