

**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (SEPA)  
DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE (DS)  
AND ADOPTION OF EXISTING  
ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FOR  
Klickitat River Watershed Management Plan**

**Description of current proposal:** The proposal is the *Klickitat River Watershed Management Plan*, prepared by the Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 30 Watershed Planning Unit. The *Klickitat River Watershed Management Plan* was developed in accordance with provisions of the state's Watershed Planning Act, Chapter 90.82 RCW. It was approved by consensus of members of the WRIA 30 Planning Unit appointed to represent units of government and by a majority vote of the nongovernmental members of that unit. The plan consists of recommendations to address: 1) current and future demands for water supply within the watershed; 2) surface and ground water quality problems; 3) limited stream flows in distinct stream reaches; 4) protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish habitat; and 5) effects of climate change. The *Klickitat River Watershed Management Plan* can be viewed online at <http://klickitatcounty.org/Planning/>.

**Proponent:** Klickitat County, the Lead Agency for the *Klickitat River Watershed Management Plan*.

**Location of proposal:** The Klickitat River Watershed (WRIA 30) is an approximately 1,440 square mile drainage basin located within Klickitat and Yakima counties in south central Washington State. The headwaters of the Klickitat River emanate from Mount Adams and the eastern flanks of the Cascade Mountains. The Klickitat River discharges to the Columbia River in the reach between The Dalles Dam and the downstream Bonneville Dam. Goldendale is the only municipality within the watershed; however the communities of Lyle, Dallesport, Murdock, Wishram, Klickitat, Centerville, High Prairie, and Glenwood are also located within the watershed. Much of the northern half of the watershed is within the Yakama Indian Reservation and is not addressed in the Watershed Plan.

**Title of document being adopted:** The document being adopted is entitled: *Final Environmental Impact Statement for Watershed Planning under Chapter 90.82 RCW*.

**Agency that prepared the document being adopted:** The document was prepared by the Washington State Department of Ecology.

**Date adopted document was prepared:** The document was released statewide as a Final Environmental Impact Statement on July 18, 2003.

**Description of the document (or portion) being adopted:** The document being adopted is a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for watershed plans being developed within the State of Washington pursuant to provisions of the State's Watershed Planning Act, Chapter 90.82 RCW. The non-project or programmatic EIS describes the watershed planning process set forth in the Watershed Planning Act, as well as procedures for rule making that may be undertaken by state agencies to support implementation

of a watershed plan. It describes the existing framework of federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and programs that affect, or that are related to, management of watersheds. In addition, it evaluates the impacts of and identifies potential mitigation measures for various types or classes of recommended actions that may be included in watershed plans. The potential recommended actions were developed based on input from lead agencies for watershed plans, Ecology watershed leads working with planning units, and consultants providing contract services for watershed plan development to lead agencies. Potential recommended actions were presented and evaluated for each of the four components of watershed planning including water quantity, instream flow, water quality, and habitat. A "no action" alternative was also analyzed for each of the four components.

In addition, the Final EIS includes responses to public comments received regarding the SEPA *Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Watershed Planning under Chapter 90.82 RCW*, which was circulated statewide for a 45-day comment period on March 28, 2003.

**If the document being adopted has been challenged (WAC 197-11-630), please describe:** As of the date of printing of this DS and notice of adoption, the SEPA Co-Lead Agencies were not aware of any challenges to the document being adopted.

**The document being adopted is available to be read at:** The document can be viewed on-line at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/0306013.html>.

The document is available for review at:

Klickitat County Planning Department  
228 W Main  
Goldendale, WA 98620  
Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Goldendale Library  
131 W. Burgen  
Goldendale, WA 98620  
Hours: 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday  
10:00 to 6:00 p.m. Thursday-Saturday

White Salmon Library  
#5 Town & Country Square  
White Salmon, WA 98672  
Hours: 10:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday  
10:00 to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday

Washington Department of Ecology  
Central Regional Office  
15 W. Yakima Avenue Suite 200,  
Yakima, WA 98902.  
Office hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The proposal, the *Klickitat River Watershed Management Plan*, may also be viewed at the locations above.

**EIS REQUIRED.** The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Co-Lead Agencies for this proposal, the Klickitat County Planning Department and the Washington State Department of Ecology, have determined this proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment. To meet the requirements of RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c), the Co-Lead Agencies are adopting the document described above. Pursuant to WAC 197-11-630 and Klickitat County Code 20.24, there will be no scoping process for this EIS. The Co-Lead Agencies have identified and adopted this document as being appropriate, as augmented by an addendum, for this proposal after independent review. The document meets the Co-Lead Agencies environmental review needs for the proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

**Name of SEPA Co-Lead Agency adopting the document:** Klickitat County Planning Department

**Responsible official:** Curt Dryer **Phone:** (509) 773-5703

**Position/title:** Director

**Address:** 228 W Main, Goldendale, WA 98620

**Date:** 3/31/06 **Signature:** Curt Dryer

**Name of SEPA Co-Lead Agency adopting the document:** Washington State Department of Ecology

**Responsible official:** Derek I. Sandison **Phone:** (509) 457-7120

**Position/title:** Central Regional Director

**Address:** 15 W. Yakima Avenue Suite 200, Yakima, WA 98902

**Date:** 3/31/06 **Signature:** Derek I. Sandison

**Appeals:**

Per Klickitat County Code Chapter 20.28 any agency or person may appeal this determination to the Board of County Commissioners. Appeals shall state with specificity the basis for the appeal and the errors to be asserted to the Board. In order for an appeal to be accepted, a completed appeal form and appeal fee of \$175.00, made payable to Klickitat County Planning Department, must be filed with the Board of County Commissioners and the Klickitat County Auditor within 15 days of the issuance date.