

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

NAME OF PROPOSAL: Taylor Mountain Forest - Parking Improvements

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: The proposed project is to improve the parking lot at Taylor Mountain Forest. Taylor Mt. Forest site has 1,600 acres of forested land with over 20 miles of trails, located east of Tiger Mountain and Hwy 18. The primary user group is equestrians, but the area also supports recreation from hikers and mountain bikers. This project will construct a new lot for 30 vehicles, clearing and grading approximately 10,000 sf of area. It also will expand and formalize a clearing currently used for parking to create space for up to 25 rigs with horse trailers. This will involve clearing and grading an additional 37,000 square feet and renovating the existing 15,000 square feet of cleared and graveled area. There will be two ADA car spaces and one ADA horse trailer space provided in the lot. Trail head amenities that will be installed include a vault toilet, signage, and a kiosk.

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL: Taylor Mountain Forest Natural Area
North of 276th Ave SE and SE 188th St Intersection
(Parcel # 312307-9003)
Hobart, WA 98025

PROPONENT AND LEAD AGENCY: King County Department of Natural Resources,
Parks and Recreation Division

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that the proposal 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 for review upon request.

This Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for fourteen (14) days from the date of issuance for the DNS per WAC 197-11-502. Any comments must be submitted in writing or by e-mail by 4:30 pm on April 28, 2014 to david.sizemore@kingcounty.gov. If you have any questions, concerns, or require additional information, please contact David Sizemore at 206-205-7541 or email at david.sizemore@kingcounty.gov. There is no agency appeal of this Threshold Determination of Non-Significance.

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