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Determination of Non-Significance

Name of Proposal: Porter Reach Restoration Project

Description of Proposal:

The Porter Reach Restoration Project is a proposed levee removal and setback project on the Green River (River Mile 34) near Highway 18 and Soos Creek. The rock face and toe of a 900-foot section of the Porter Levee will be removed, and the top five feet of the levee will be excavated. The upstream part of the existing levee will remain in place to deflect the river away from private property to the south. A 1,000-foot-long biorevetment and a log deflector will be constructed to protect SE Green Valley Road. Bank wood clusters will be installed to roughen and harden the left bank along the Road. A 1,000-foot-long backwater channel will be created in the floodplain interior. Logjams will be built in the floodplain. Native vegetation will be planted and snags will be installed. Weeds will be controlled. A culvert will be installed on the private property to the south to redirect drainage from the west side of the project site to the oxbow pond on the eastern side, improving flood conveyance. The goal is to improve the survival of threatened salmon and trout by allowing the river to naturally erode its banks, form logjams, scour pools, and make side channels. The project will maintain the existing level of protection to private properties, infrastructure, and roadways. The project will comply with King County large wood placement policies and ordinances.

Location of Proposal:

The Porter Reach Restoration Project is located in rural King County near the City of Auburn, Washington. The project site is on the left bank of the Green River between RM 33.5 and 34.1 in Section 21, Township 21 N and Range 5E. The site is immediately upstream from Auburn Narrows Natural Area, Highway 18, Soos Creek on the right bank, and a boat launch/take-out on the left bank.

Responsible Official:

Mark Isaacson

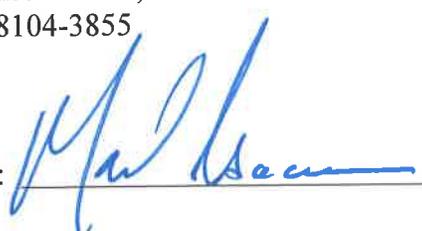
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Proponent and Lead Agency: King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks
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The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under Revised Code of Washington (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 (for a nominal photocopying fee).

THIS DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) is issued under Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal until after **June 17, 2016**. Comments must be submitted or postmarked by that date.

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