

Public Notice



Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

November 2008

Application for State of Washington Water Quality Certification and Coastal Zone Management Act Consistency

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received an application to perform work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the enclosed drawings.

Ecology will review the work pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, with applicable provisions of State water pollution control laws and the Coastal Zone Management Act.

This public notice is consistent with the requirements of Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act and Chapter 173-225 of Washington Administrative Code. This notice is only intended to inform all interested parties of the proposed projects and to seek comments from the public, local, state, federal, and tribal agencies. It does not indicate approval of the proposed projects by any state agency.

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Location

On State Route (SR) 410 from mile post (MP) 41.4 to 42.0, approximately 18 miles east of Enumclaw in King and Pierce Counties, WRIA 10, Sections 8 and 9, Township 19N, Range 9E.

**Project Name: SR 410,
White River Chronic
Environmental Deficiency
(Mile Post 41.4 - 42.0)**

Public Notice Date:

November 12, 2008

Comment Period Ends:

December 3, 2008

Comments should be sent to:

Department of Ecology
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Work

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) will construct five engineered log jam (ELJ) bank protection structures, lenticular bar bank protection, and a rock groin between SR 410 and the White River from MP 41.4 to 42.0. In the same area, WSDOT will raise and widen an approximately 2,500 foot section of SR 410. Of the bank protection measures, four ELJs and a portion of the lenticular bars will be constructed below the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) of the White River. The project will impact the White River by the placement of 2,260 cubic yards (0.46 acre) of material below the OHWM and excavation of 295 cubic yards (0.086 acre) of material below the OHWM. As compensatory mitigation, WSDOT designed the ELJs to incorporate fish enhancement features that do not currently exist in the project area.

Purpose

The purpose of this project is to reduce repetitive maintenance on the roadway and to prevent additional flooding and erosion that threatens both SR 410 and public safety. The ELJs will encourage the erosive high velocity flow of the White River to move away from the road prism, while also improving habitat quality within the project area. If left untreated, failure and/or long-term closure of SR 410 could occur.

Additional Information

All ELJs will be constructed using logs, steel pilings, large rock and native alluvium backfill, and will be situated to deflect the thalweg of the river away from the roadway. The five ELJs will be spaced at approximately 170 feet on center, and each will be approximately 45 feet long, 40 to 45 feet wide, and 15 feet high. The lenticular bars will be installed between the ELJs to reduce roadbed scour and will be constructed of riprap and alluvium.

The White River will be temporarily diverted to facilitate construction of the ELJs and lenticular bars below the OHWM.

Project construction will start in summer, 2009, and be completed by the end of 2010.

Comment and Review Period

Ecology is requesting comments from the public, state and local agencies, tribes, and other interested parties to evaluate the impacts of each proposed activity.

Anyone wanting to present their views about this project may do so by providing written comments within 21 days of the publication date of this notice. Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record.

Ecology will evaluate all the comments received to determine whether to approve, approve with conditions, or deny a certification for the proposed work.