



DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal:

Under the authorities granted in RCW 90.92, the Walla Walla Watershed Partnership has accepted and reviewed a Local Water Plan submitted by Gardena Farms Irrigation District #13 (GFID). The Local Water Plan proposes to enhance flows in the Walla Walla River between Beet Road and the vicinity of the mouth of the Touchet River, during times of the year critical to aquatic habitat and when the GFID system is operating.

By-passing water from the diversion works near Beet Road to a diversion point and points of withdrawal downstream from the Beet Road site will benefit flows in that section of the Walla Walla River resulting in increased habitat functions benefitting fish.

Proponent: Gardena Farms Irrigation District #13 Local Water Plan of the Walla Walla Watershed Partnership, LWP 10-01

Location of proposal, including street address if any:

This project is located near the towns of Touchet and Lowden. The existing point of diversion for WWAC No. 406 is described as: the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 3, Township 6 N., Range 35 E.W.M., all within Walla Walla County, Washington and Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 32.

Lead agency: Washington State Department of Ecology

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.

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