DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)
(WAC 197-11-970)

Name of Proposal:
State Route 530 Control Zone Oso to Fortson Pole Replacement Project

Description of Proposal:
Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County ("the District") is proposing to make improvements to an existing electrical distribution line in Northeast Snohomish County. The District will be replacing approximately 157 distribution poles and about six miles of overhead conductor. The purpose of this project is to comply with the Washington State Department of Transportation’s mandated safety control zone, which is intended to reduce the number of car-pole accidents along major state highways. Construction for this project is anticipated from late 2022 through 2023.

Proponent:
Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County

Location of Proposal, including address, if any:
The project location includes approximately 4 miles of SR 530 from address 22110 SR 530 NE east to 28020 SR 530 NE and approximately 5.5 miles from address 29724 SR 530 NE east to 38504 SR 530 NE. These portions of SR 530 include Sections 7-13 of Township 32 within Ranges 7-9.

Lead Agency:
Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County

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 43.21.030(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 upon request.

☐ There is no comment period for this DNS.
✓ This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by February 25, 2022.

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The threshold determination includes reference to and review of existing environmental information concerning the history, development and current site conditions of the project.

1. SEPA Environmental Checklist, PUD No. 1 of Snohomish County, February 3, 2022
2. Critical Areas Report prepared by GeoEngineers, dated January 3, 2022
3. Archeological Investigation Report prepared by ERCI, dated December 7, 2021

These documents were considered during the SEPA review process and will be made available to reviewing agencies with jurisdiction over the project as part of their permitting processes. Documents listed here may be available for review upon request.

Agencies Notified:
☑ City of Arlington       ☑ City of Darrington
☑ Snohomish County       ☑ Washington Department of Ecology
☑ Stillaguamish Tribe    ☑ Washington Department of Transportation
☑ Tulalip Tribes         ☑ Washington Department of Ecology
☑ US Forest Service      ☑ Washington Department of Transportation
☑ Washington Department of Natural Resources
☑ Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation