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STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

Date of Issuance:

August 12, 2026

Name of Proposal:

Sultan River ELJ 9 and 10

Description of Proposal:

The proposed project involves installation of two engineered log jams (ELJs) along the right bank (west side) of the Sultan River in Snohomish County, Washington. The purpose of the two proposed ELJs is to improve mainstem structural complexity and hydraulic diversity to support ESA-listed salmonids in the Sultan River watershed. These are further described in the Plan for Side Channel Enhancement and Large Woody Debris Placement (Snohomish County PUD No. 1 2011). This work represents the PUD's ongoing mitigation as a component of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission License (Project No. 2157) for the Henry M. Jackson Hydroelectric Project and is intended to improve instream habitat for salmonids in the Sultan River watershed.

The southern ELJ (9) will consist of improving and expanding a previously constructed ELJ (7) at the south end of the study area while the northern ELJ (10) will be entirely new. The extension for ELJ 9 will expand the footprint waterward by approximately 11 feet, adding 36 pieces of large wood to the existing ELJ. ELJ 10 will be entirely new, encompassing approximately 1,200 square feet with 24 pieces of large wood. All temporary impacts will be fully restored by installing native vegetation.

Proponent:

Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County

Location of Proposal, including address, if any:

The project is located in the Lower Sultan River subbasin within the Snohomish Watershed, in Watershed Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 7 –Snohomish, within the northeast portion of Section 31, Township 28 North, Range 08 East of the Willamette Meridian, in Snohomish County, Washington. The project is situated within seven Snohomish County parcels on the west side of the Sultan River: 28083100100900, 28083100101100, 28083100101200, 28083100101300, 28083100100800, 28083100101600, and 00765600099900. The project area encompasses two construction areas associated with the Sultan River and riparian area for two proposed engineered log jams; a temporary equipment access route and staging area; and a temporary bridge crossing over Side Channel 2.

Lead Agency:

Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County

Threshold Determination:

Snohomish PUD, the lead agency for this proposal, has evaluated this proposal and determined that it will 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, including the following:

1. SEPA Environmental Checklist, PUD No. 1 of Snohomish County, June 2026
2. Sultan River ELJ 9 & 10 Permit Set, April 2026
3. Sultan River Restoration Plan – Herrera, February 2025
4. Critical Areas Report and Mitigation Plan – Herrera, June 2026
5. Biological and Floodplain Habitat Assessment – Herrera, June 2026
6. Archeological Survey Report – Equinox, April 2026
7. Plan for Side Channel Enhancement and Large Woody Debris Placement, Henry M. Jackson Hydroelectric Project – Snohomish County PUD, et. al, May 2011

Information and documents used to reach this determination are available 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.

Public and Agency Comments:

Public and agency comments on this DNS must be submitted by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2026. Comments may be submitted to the mailing address or email address provided below.

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Date:

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Agencies Notified:

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| ☒ Snohomish Tribe | ☒ Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife |
| ☒ Stillaguamish Tribe | ☒ Washington Department of Ecology |
| ☒ Tulalip Tribes | ☒ City of Sultan |
| ☒ Snohomish County Planning and Development Services | ☒ Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation |
| ☒ Washington Department of Natural Resources | |