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Determination of NonSignificance

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Lead Agency: Department of Ecology, Toxics Cleanup Program, Central Region

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Lead Agency File Number: N/A

Description of Proposal: Yakima County Roads Department (County Roads) proposes to perform a cleanup of woodwaste and soil contaminated with hazardous substances from a portion of the Boise Cascade Mill cleanup site (CSID 12095 and FSID 450) pursuant to the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA). County Roads would perform the cleanup as an Interim Action pursuant to a De Minimis Consent Decree (DMCD), which includes an Interim Action Work Plan (IAWP) that governs the cleanup's remedial actions and schedule. The IAWP covers a 9.7-acre area of undeveloped land known as the Interim Action Cleanup Unit (IACU) that includes a surface comprised of grass and gravel. Contamination in the IACU results from historic log mill and log yard operations at and around the former Boise Cascade Mill, which operated at the site from 1903 to 2006. Contaminants subject to remediation at the IACU include diesel-range organics, metals such as mercury and nickel, volatile organic compounds, including ethylbenzene and toluene, and semi-volatile organic compounds like carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. The IAWP provides more detail on the contaminants subject to cleanup at the IACU.

The contaminants subject to remediation under the IAWP are found in woodwaste and soil below ground surface (BGS). Under the proposal, County Roads would remove woodwaste and contaminated soil up to 15 feet BGS. County Roads estimates that it will excavate approximately 85,000 cubic yards of woodwaste and soil to address contamination in the IACU.

County Roads will dispose of woodwaste and contaminated soils removed under the IAWP in accordance with the requirements of MTCA and all local, state, or federal regulations that apply to disposal of hazardous materials. After performing the cleanup under the DMCD, County Roads will proceed with construction of its East-West Corridor Roadway Project, which has a footprint similar to the IACU and will result in use of the area for roadway purposes.

Applicant: Yakima County Roads Department, Brett Sheffield, (509) 574-2300

Location of Proposal: The IACU is located in the northeast corner of the City of Yakima, on portions of two Yakima County tax parcels in township 13 north, section 18, and range 9, east of the Willamette Meridian, numbered 191318-11002 and 191318-41002. The IACU is east of I-82, west of the Yakima River and paved greenway trail, north of the Sunrise Rotary Park, and south of the Central Washington Railroad right-of-way. There is no specific street address associated with the parcels.

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 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 at: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/12095>

- There is no comment period for this DNS.
- This DNS is issued after using the optional process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on the DNS.
- This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 30 days from the date of issuance.

Comments must be submitted by: July 30, 2026, 5 PM.

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