



Washington
State Department of
Agriculture

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal 2024 Spongy Moth Eradication. The Washington State Department of Agriculture is proposing to issue a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for the eradication of invasive spongy moth (*Lymantria dispar*) in two locations in western Washington; one in Thurston County encompassing 1383 acres and one in Skagit County encompassing 920 acres. WSDA is proposing 3 to 5 aerial applications of the biological insecticide *Bacillus thuringiensis subs. kurstaki* (Btk) from mid-April to mid-June 2024 in each county.

Proponent Washington State Department of Agriculture

Location of proposal, including street address, if any This project SEPA covers the proposed treatments in Thurston and Skagit counties during the spring and early summer of 2024. The Thurston County treatment area is centered on the Schneider's Prairie area of Steamboat Island, near US Highway 101 and Steamboat Island Rd. The Skagit County treatment area is located on the east side of Lake Shannon, north of Concrete. The Lower Baker Dam is located near the southwest boundary of the project and Baker River Rd. is the major road running into the site.

Lead agency Washington State Department of Agriculture

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.

☐ This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS 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 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by **February 26, 2024**.

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