DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal  2019 Gypsy Moth Eradication Project. This project involves the aerial application of the organic insecticide Bacillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki (Btk) at four sites in western Washington where 2018 trapping efforts identified populations of either Asian or European gypsy moth. Gypsy moths are an invasive pest known to feed on the foliage of hundreds of North American plant species and pose a significant threat to horticulture, forests, urban landscapes, and protected and endangered plants.

Proponent  Washington State Department of Agriculture

Location of proposal, including street address, if any  This project covers 4 locations in Kitsap, King, and Snohomish counties. The King county treatments will occur west of Ames Lake in Union Hill-Noveltty Hill. Snohomish county treatments are planned in the Martha Lake community. Kitsap county treatments are planned in the Crosby and Gilberton communities. (Please see attached maps)

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 April 8, 2019.

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