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Distribution List - SEP2010-00031

Please review this determination. If you have further comments, questions or would like a copy of the SEPA checklist, phone the responsible official at (360) 676-6907. Please submit your response by the comment date noted on the attached notice of determination.

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

File: SEP2010-00031

Project Description: South Fork Park, a multi-use recreational facility including the development of a parking lot, trailhead, trails, park facilities, river access and historic and environmental interpretation facilities.

Proponent: Whatcom County Parks Department, Rod Lamb

Location: Approximately 890 acres of three County owned parcels (Galbraith Farm, Ovberby Farm and Nessel Farm) located east of the town of Acme, bordered by Mosquito Lake Road on the north, the Nooksack River on the west and Saxon Road to the south. Township 37N, Range 5E, Section 8-9-15-16-21-22.

Lead Agency: Whatcom County Planning and Development Services

Zoning: Agricultural, Rural Forestry, Commercial Forestry

Comp Plan: Agricultural, Rural Forestry, Commercial Forestry

Required Permits and Approvals: The following permit may be required; Whatcom County Land Disturbance Permit, Shoreline Use and Development Permit, Building Permit and Concurrency Evaluation. Washington State Hydraulic Project Approval, Forest Practice Permit, 404/401 Water Quality Certification and NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharge.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that no significant adverse environmental impacts are likely. Pursuant to RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c), an environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required. This decision was made following review of a completed SEPA environmental checklist and the following information on file with the lead agency, which is available to the public on request;

- Environmental Assessment for South Fork Park (March 2010)
- Consultation correspondences from affected agencies

There is no comment period for this MDNS.

Pursuant to WAC 197-11-340(2), the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issuance indicated below. Comments must be received by June 2, 2010 and should be sent to:

Responsible Official: Tyler Schroeder
Title: Current Planning Supervisor
Telephone: 360.676.6907
Address: 5280 Northwest Drive
Bellingham, WA 98226

Date of Issuance: May 19, 2010

Signature: _____

An aggrieved agency or person may appeal this determination to the Whatcom County Hearing Examiner. Application for appeal must be filed on a form provided by and submitted to the Whatcom County Current Planning Division located at 5280 Northwest Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226, during the ten days following the comment period, concluding June 14, 2010. You should be prepared to make a specific factual objection. Contact Whatcom County Current Planning Division for information about the procedures for SEPA appeals.