

**SEPA Rules - WAC 197-11-970
Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)**

Forks Water System Plan Update

Description of

proposal: This Water System Plan (WSP) update is prepared for the City of Forks to fulfill the requirements of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-290-100 and WAC 246-293-250, and WAC 246-295 and the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) Water System Design Manual (Design Manual). The City of Forks operates a municipal water system consisting of five production wells, approximately 25 miles of distribution piping, and three storage tanks servicing approximately 1,785 connections.

Location of proposal:

The City of Forks' municipal water system provides services through the City and the Forks Urban Growth Area. Both are located in the SW portion of Clallam County and are generally within Sections 32-33 T 29 N, R 13 W and 8-10, 16-18 T 28 N, R 13 W, W.M., Clallam County, Washington State.

Proposed

Project: The City of Forks operates a municipal water system that is required by state law to undertake water system planning and adopt updates to its state approved Water System Plan (WSP). The proposed Water System Plan (WSP) update was prepared for the City of Forks to fulfill the requirements of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-290-100 and WAC 246-293-250, and WAC 246-295 and the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) Water System Design Manual (Design Manual). The WSP update reviewed the planning service area in order to recommend any needed improvements to allow the System to provide water service throughout the twenty-year planning period. Proposed improvements would be in compliance with projected demands, regulatory requirements, and expectations of the City's customers, Mayor and Council. While the plan recommends projects, any project would require its own permit review to include compliance with SEPA where appropriate. Also, the adopted plan will be utilized by the City to pursue state and federal funding that may reduce costs to the customers of the water system.

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Prior SEPA

Documents: None for these proposed WSP update.

Mitigation required: NONE.

Lead Agency Rod Fleck, City Attorney/Planner
City Planning Department, City of Forks
500 East Division
Forks, Washington 98331

The Lead Agency had determined that the above items would not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment if the mitigation noted above is completed. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2). This decision was made after review of a complete environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency and upon the following findings. This information is available to the public on request.

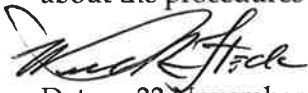
This DNS is issued under 197-11-340 (2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for a period of 14 days from the date of issuance to allow for review and comments from the general public.

Comments must be submitted to the City Planner at:

Rod Fleck, City Attorney/Planner
Forks City Hall
500 East Division
Forks, Washington 98331

Comments will be accepted up to Noon, 8 December 2023. The City will review said comments together to determine the impact upon the stated MDNS. Submittal of comments is not the same as a written appeal of this determination.

You may appeal this determination no later than Noon, 8 December 2023, by filing a written appeal with the City Clerk of Forks at 500 East Division, Forks, Washington 98331. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections based upon the action being considered and the SEPA Checklist completed in association with this project. Contact Rod Fleck at 360/374-5412, ext. 245 to read or ask about the procedures for appeals.



Date: 22 November 2023
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