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NOTICE OF OBJECTION PERIOD

USDA Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Service
Entiat Ranger District
Chelan County, Washington
Upper Stillwaters and Stormy A Restoration Project

A draft Decision Notice, Finding of No Significant Impact (DN/FONSI) and a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) have been prepared for this project and are available for review at the Okanogan-Wenatchee Forest website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47684>

The Responsible Official, James Simino, Entiat District Ranger, has decided to implement a modified proposed action, which would include in-stream restoration projects located only within the Entiat River - Upper Stillwaters (river mile 25.5-27.5) project area as described in the Upper Stillwaters and Stormy A Restoration Project Environmental Assessment. The Upper Stillwaters project includes placement of large wood material along riprap banks of the Entiat River, re-connection of a side channel and construction of three large wood structures. These projects are intended to add habitat complexity by creating back water and deep pool habitat and improve fish cover by placement of large wood and large wood jams along the stream banks of the Entiat River to improve watershed health and fish and wildlife habitat. These actions are proposed to be implemented on the Entiat Ranger District of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest from July 16-30, 2017.

Those who provided written comments during scoping or the Preliminary EA comment periods are eligible to object the draft decision pursuant to 36 CFR part 218. An objection must include a description of those aspects of the proposed project addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the proposed project; if applicable, how the objector believes the environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies that will resolve the objection; supporting reasons for the reviewing office to consider; and a statement that demonstrates the connection between prior written comments on the particular proposed project or activity and the content of the objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the designated opportunities for comment. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted specific comments to the proposed project or activity.

Objections must be postmarked or received by the Reviewing Officer, Forest Supervisor, within 45 days from the posting of the notice of objection period identified in The Wenatchee World, Newspaper of Record. The publication date of the notice to object is the exclusive means for calculating the objection period for this proposal. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The objection, including attachments, must be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service) with the reviewing officer within 45 days of this legal notice at: Forest Supervisor, Attention: 1570 OBJECTIONS, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, WA 98801-5933, FAX #509-664-9280. Hand deliveries must be made between 8:00AM and 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, except legal holidays. Objections may be sent electronically to objections-pnw-okanogan-wenatchee@fs.fed.us.

Electronic objections must be submitted only to the e-mail address shown above as part of the actual e-mail message, or as an attachment in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx), rich text format (.rtf) or Adobe portable document format (.pdf) only. E-mails in other formats or containing viruses will be rejected. Note in the subject line the name of the project and that it is an objection.

It is the responsibility of all individuals and organizations to ensure their objections are received in a timely manner as described in 36 CFR 218.9. For electronically mailed objections, the sender should normally receive an automated acknowledgement of the receipt of the objection. It is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means. Additional information regarding this project may be obtained from Emily Johnson by email at ekjohnson@fs.fed.us or by mail to Entiat Ranger Station, PO Box 476, Entiat WA, 98822.