



WASHINGTON MILITARY DEPARTMENT
CONSTRUCTION AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT OFFICE
CAMP MURRAY, WA 98430-5000

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Determination of NonSignificance

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Lead agency: Washington Military Department

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The Washington Military Department (WMD) proposes to install a Soldiers Memorial Park at its Camp Murray headquarters installation. The WMD proposes to locate the Park in the 2.25 and 2.9 acre mature Oregon white oak natural areas directly south of Building 36. The proposed project includes ground excavation to install the pathways and memorial sites. The park will consist of 6' wide pathways with seven, 12' diameter memorial sites interspersed. Pathways and memorial sites will be constructed using permeable pavement. The route of the path is designed to minimize disturbance to the existing oaks by avoiding oak drip lines/root zones and understory camas plant communities. The Park does not require any additional landscaping activities and will be maintained as a natural area in accordance with the WMD's Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan (INRMP).

The WMD proposes to locate the Park in the 2.25 and 2.9 acre mature Oregon white oak natural areas directly south of Building 36 at its headquarters installation of Camp Murray, in Pierce County, Washington. The area lies close to physical address of (36 Quartermaster Road, Camp Murray, WA 98430) between Quartermaster Road and Infantry Drive.

Proponent: Washington Military Department, Construction and Facilities Management Office.
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The Washington Military Department has determined that this proposal will 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). We have reviewed the attached Environmental Checklist. This information is available at: <https://mil.wa.gov/environmental-programs>

This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions:

A comprehensive tree and vegetation survey was completed prior to project design. The project has negligible impacts to the existing white oak natural area through a minimalist design that avoids the root zones of mature oak trees. Runoff and stormwater impacts are managed through use of permeable asphalt for all paving. Surrounding vegetation will not receive landscaping treatment and will be managed as a natural area. Existing camas stands

in the footprint of the project will be relocated onsite. By these efforts, there will be no ecological or aesthetic impact to the white oak natural area.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and the comment period will end on 22 DEC 2020.

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Appeal process: There is no appeal process for this DNS