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State Environmental Policy Act Determination of Non-Significance

Date of Issue: April 23, 2026
Name of Proposal: Back Country Trails Squak Mountain Crystal Creek Bridge Replacement (CIP 1149229)
Location of Proposal: Squak Mountain State Park, King County, WA

Description of Proposal:

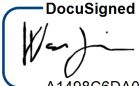
The project will replace a deteriorating log bridge over Crystal Creek in Squak Mountain State Park, on a parcel owned and managed by King County Parks. The new bridge will be an 80-foot-long prefabricated weathering steel bridge which will be air-lifted to the site. The new bridge will be twice as long as the existing bridge and will be installed higher above the 100-year floodplain. Impacts to the surrounding riparian area will be limited to approximately 50 square feet of vegetation removal and grading to accommodate the new pre-cast concrete footings, which will also be air-lifted to the site. Impacts to the riparian area will be offset by decommissioning the portions of the existing trail that are no longer needed due to the increased length of the new bridge and removing the existing soil-bag abutment on the left bank of the stream (the right bank side of the existing bridge rests on native soils). These areas will be revegetated with native trees and shrubs, and additional in-fill planting of native conifers will occur in adjacent areas to reach the 3:1 impact to mitigation ratio required under KCC 21A.24.380(E)(1).

Proponent/Lead Agency: King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks
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Responsible Official: Warren Jimenez
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The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment, and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. This determination was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency as set forth in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-330 and Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 43.21C.030. This information is available to the public on request (for a nominal photocopying fee). It is also available on the King County website at: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/parks/publicnotices>

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This Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2). The lead agency will not act on this proposal for a minimum of fourteen (14) days from the date of issue, per WAC 197-11-502(3)(b). Comments must be submitted or postmarked by 4:30 PM on May 7, 2026. To provide comments or request additional information please contact:

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