

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**Rural Development**  
**Kapowsin water project: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact**  
**AGENCY:** Rural Utility Service, USDA  
**ACTION:** Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Utility Service (RUS) has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to a request for possible financing assistance to Kapowsin Water District for construction of a well and water line to replace a spring fed water source for the Users of the Kapowsin Water District in Pierce County Washington.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** To view the EA and FONSI, or for further information, contact: Ambrea Cormier, Project Loan Specialist at 1835 Black Lake Blvd, SW Olympia WA 98512. (360) 704-7705, [ambrea.cormier@wa.usda.gov](mailto:ambrea.cormier@wa.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed project consists of drilling a well near the existing water treatment plant and replacing failing pumps to convey water to the treatment plant. This will allow abandonment of approximately 4,300 feet of three-inch HPE water main.

Alternatives considered by RUS and Kapowsin Water District include Drilling a new well at the current spring intake site and replacing the 4,300 feet of HDPE water main. No action; was considered. No action would not solve the problem of the failed water supply system. These alternatives are discussed in the water supply system EA. The RUS has reviewed and approved the EA for the proposed project.

The availability of the EA for public review was announced via notice in the following newspaper: The News Tribune on July 9, 2018. A 15-day comment period was announced in the newspaper notice. The EA was also available for public review at the USDA Rural Development State Office in Olympia Washington. One comment was received from the Muckleshoot tribe requesting more information about the project.”

Based on its EA, and commitments made by Kapowsin Water District, RUS has concluded that the project would have no significant impacts to water quality, wetlands, floodplains, land use, aesthetics, transportation, or human health and safety.

The proposed project will have no adverse effect on resources listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Agency has also concluded that the proposed project is not likely to affect federally listed threatened and endangered species or designated critical habitat thereof. The proposed project would not disproportionately affect minority and/or low- income populations.

No other potential significant impacts resulting from the proposed project have been identified. Therefore, RUS has determined that this FONSI fulfills its obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR §§ 1500-1508), and USDA Rural Development's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1970) for its action related to the project.

RUS is satisfied that the environmental impacts of the proposed project have been adequately addressed. RUS's federal action would not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, and as such it will not prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for its action related to the proposed project.

Dated: November 14, 2018