
Hesco Barrier

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As lead agency, the National Park Service (NPS), North Cascades National Park Service Complex is planning a second stage of construction for the Company Creek Road temporary emergency repair, in response to the December, 2025 flood event.

As part of that project, NPS intends to install HESCO barriers or other erosion control measures which would require removing approximately 20 trees, clearing of accumulated woody debris down to a soil substrate, and constructing a flat base platform approximately 30 – 40 feet wide and 2 feet deep of compacted crushed rock and rip-rap for the full length of the HESCO system, approximately 800 feet in length.

In a previous emergency consultation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provided NPS with mitigation measures for the Northern spotted owl, in part because the project would fall within sensitive nesting / breeding seasons. This proposed action will occur outside of sensitive nesting / breeding seasons. Because effects are limited to temporary construction disturbances (noise, equipment presence, localized dust), the action is not anticipated to adversely affect listed/proposed species or designated critical habitat, and NPS has determined that the action “may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect” the Northern spotted owl or designated critical habitat. NPS seeks the Service’s concurrence on this initial determination, and will take no action with potential effects until it receives USFWS concurrence.

Sincerely,

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