

Public Notice for Nonpoint Source Comments

Hoh Tribe Natural Resource Department is opening a comment period to Tribal and community members for input regarding the Hoh River Watershed Nonpoint Source (NPS) Assessment Report and Management Plan implementation under the Clean Water Act Section 319.

What is a Nonpoint Source?

Nonpoint Sources are pollution sources that typically discharge **INDIRECTLY** to waterways, as opposed to discharge that has identifiable sources like pipes or channels. Nonpoint sources can include:

- Excess fertilizers, herbicides and insecticides from agricultural lands and residential areas
- Oil, grease and toxic chemicals from urban runoff and energy production
- Sediment from improperly managed construction sites, crop and forest lands, and eroding streambanks
- Salt from irrigation practices and acid drainage from abandoned mines
- Bacteria and nutrients from livestock, pet wastes and faulty septic systems
- Atmospheric deposition and hydromodification



Examples of NPS pollution sources within a watershed.

NPS pollution is the leading source of water quality impairment in the United States. Of all the waterbodies across the nation that have been assessed and a possible source of impairment identified, 85% of rivers and streams and 80% of lakes and reservoirs are polluted by nonpoint sources.¹

The Hoh Tribe's implementation plan to address and manage these pollution sources can be found on the Tribes website hohtribe-nsn.org and comments can be submitted using our [QR code](#) →

Comment period begins August 28, 2026 and closes on September 27, 2026

¹ https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2016-10/documents/nps_program_highlights_report-508.pdf

