



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Cold Springs CH Timber Sale, App. No. 93483 and Forest Practice Application No. 2815129 . Variable retention harvest (VRH) of 1,169 MBF of timber from 29.9 (30) acres. Proposal includes up to 835 feet of temporary road construction to be abandoned, after completion of use, if built and 40,254 feet of pre-haul maintenance.

Description of mitigation: See attached sheet.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources.

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Sections 5, 8, 16, 17, 20, 21, 27 and 29 of Township 34 North, Range 5 East, W.M. Proposal is located 7 miles east of Clear Lake, in Skagit County, off of S.R. 9, Old Day Creek Road, Janicki Road and the MU-ML forest road.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does 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). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from May 11, 2016. Comments must be submitted by May 25, 2016.

Responsible official: Jean Fike

Position/title: Northwest Region Manager **Phone:** 360-856-3500

Address: 919 North Township Street, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

Date: 5/11/16 **Signature:** 

There is no agency SEPA appeal.

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MITIGATED MEASURES

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Streams:

- 1 type 1 stream with a 187-foot, no-harvest buffer.
- 5 type 3 streams with a 187-foot, no-harvest buffer.
- 3 type 4 streams with a 100-foot, no-harvest buffer.

Wetlands:

- 1 forested wetland, greater than 0.25 acre but less than 1.0 acre in size, with a 100-foot, no-harvest buffer.

Slope Stability:

Potentially unstable areas were bounded out of this proposal, including some within stream buffers.

A Licensed Engineering Geologist (Forest Practices “qualified expert”) made multiple onsite visits and identified potentially unstable features which were bounded out from the sale area. Part of the office screening process included a review of the Forest Practices Landslide Inventory via GIS.

Roads:

Exposed soils on cut and fill slopes will be revegetated to lessen sediment impact to streams. 835 feet of road will be abandoned after completion of use.

Green tree retention and wildlife:

An average of eight of the existing trees per acre have been designated to be left uncut on this proposal. Trees are both scattered and clumped throughout the proposed harvest area.

Logging methods:

Proposal will primarily be yarded by cable and ground-based systems although cable systems may be utilized. Leading end of logs will be suspended during yarding.